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MVA HOLDS PROTEST OVER STATUE COLLAPSE

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) leaders and workers at the Gateway of India during their protest march against the collapse of the statue of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the Rajkot Fort, in Mumbai on Sunday. The statue of the 17th century Maratha warrior king at Rajkot fort in Malvan tehsil fell on August 26 | PTI | P10

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar, Arishinakunte, Near Honda Showroom, Nelamangala, Banglore-562123,(Karnataka). A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total O/s Amount as on	Description of the Immovable property
1.	Loan Code _No : 22800000894 & 22800000996 Nelamangala Branch) Srinivas S (Borrower) Umadevi K S (Co Borrower) Hanumantha Rayappa H V (Co Borrower)	13-09-2022 ₹ 10,22,284.00 & ₹ 88,130.00	₹ 12,50,000.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	30-08-2024 ₹ 14,58,988.00 & ₹ 1,33,732.00	126 2B Halenijgal 126 2B Halenijgal Dabaspete Sompura Hobli Nelamangala Near Lakshmi Temple, Bengaluru - 562111, Karnataka. Bounded : **East By :** Narayanappa's Property, **West By :** Lakshmamma,s Property, **North By :** Govindaih's Property and **South By** : Road.

The Authorised Officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.** AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. **This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**

The Date of Auction is fixed for 17-09-2024

Place : Nelamangala
Date : 02.09.2024

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400069.
Malleswaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross,2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096

E- AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitizationand Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged,possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Malleswaram Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code No : 18910000012 Malleswaram Branch Ashish K N (Borrower) Rajalakshmi K N (Co Borrower)	13-05-2024 ₹ 18,44,013.00	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Residential Vacant site No.60.Katha No.50/1/60,Situated at Sathnur Village,Jala Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk and including all rights,Privilages and appurtenances thereto and measuring East To West 30 feet and North To south 50 feet in all measuring 1500 sft. Bounded on **East by :** Site No.59, **West by :** Site No.61, **North by :** 30 Feet Road and **South by :** Private Property.	₹ 33,75,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)	₹ 3,37,500.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **03.10.2024 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on **https://bankeauctions.com**. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **04.10.2024 on https://bankeauctions.com at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.**
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link **https: //bankeauctions. com/registration/ signup,** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, **Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594)** OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, **Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26**. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.10,000/-.**

Place : Malleswaram
Date : 02.09.2024

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(W&M)C/KLB/Civil/2024-25/3264 **Date: 31.08.2024**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH Karnataka Public Procurement Portal MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tender for 06 number of Civil Engineering works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, Kalaburagi.

The tender will be received through Karnataka Public Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the Karnataka Public Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website: **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" on or after 05.09.2024.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elec., Trans (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi - 585106

Government of Tamil Nadu
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
Tirupathur District
Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) III (2023-24) Phase - I
Re-Tender Notice
TENDER NOTICE No. Roc No. E1/2535/2024
FORM OF CONTRACT: ITEM RATE (Two Cover System)

1. For details, visit www.pmgsytenderstn.gov.in
2. E-Bids are invited by the Joint Director / Project Director, DRDA, Tirupathur for Impovement of One Panchayat Union road at Alangayam Block under two cover system.
3. The package wise bid documents can also be downloaded at free of cost from www.pmgsytenderstn.gov.in from 02.09.2024 to 18.09.2024.
4. **Common Date and time for downloading of bid document submission and opening:**
   (i) Last Date and Time for downloading and online submission of bid documents — **18.09.2024 upto 3.00 P.M.**
   (ii) Date and Time of online Opening of Bid Documents — **18.09.2024 5.00 P.M. onwards**

DIPR.3394/Tender/2024

Joint Director /Project Director
District Rural Development Agency, Tirupathur District

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: EEE/MWD/KGD/AEE/AE-1/2023-24/8522-26 Date: 30.08.2024

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited had formulated a schemes under section 164 of Indian Electricity Act 2003 read with para (iii) of the Indian Telegraph act 1885 (10 to 19 & 19A of 1885)for implementation of the below said schemes.This notification is issued for information of the General public. Particulars of schemes are as here under.

(1) Name of the Work: Construction of Proposed 132kV LILO Line on DC towers from Existing 66kV Bettadapura-Kushalnagara DC Line to the Proposed **132-66/11kV Seegurugate (Manchadevanahalli)** Sub-Station for a distance of 7.963Kms in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru district.
Salient Feature: Reliability in power supply and to meet future load growth in and around Seegurugate (Manchadevanahalli) & adjacent villages.
Areas Passing Through: Bettadapura, Kurgallu and Seeguru limits. **Approximate Length Line**: 7.963Kms. **Approximate Cost**: Rs. 2337.32 Lakhs.

(2) Name of the Work: Construction of Proposed 132 KV LILO Line on DC towers from Ongoing 66KV Madikeri-Virajpete link line to proposed**132-66/11KV S/s at Murnadu** Sub-station in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu district for a distance of 2.971 Kms in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu district
Salient Feature:Reliability in power supply and to meet future load growth in and around Murnadu & adjacent villages.
Areas Passing Through: M Badaga and Murnadu limits. **Approximate Length Line**: 2.971 kms. **Approximate Cost**: Rs. 2449.02 Lakhs.

(3) Name of the Work: Construction of Proposed 132kV LILO Line on DC towers from Existing 66kV Beguru-Sarguru Line to the Proposed **132-66/11kV Mulluru** Sub-Station for a distance of 4.056Kms in Sarguru Taluk, Mysuru district.
Salient Feature: Reliability in power supply and to meet future load growth in and around Mulluru & adjacent villages.
Areas Passing Through: Chamalapura, Halasuru, Mulluru and Jatagatipura limits. **Approximate Length Line**: 4.056 Kms. **Approximate Cost**: Rs. 2306.36 Lakhs.

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers under the section 164 of Indian Electricity Act 2003 read with para (iii) of the Indian Telegraph act 1885 (10 to 19 & 19A of 1885) for implementation of the above said schemes. Any objection regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the under signed office within **one month** from the date of Publication of this notification for consideration by Corporation.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(E), Kodagu Major Work Division, KPTCL, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	33639630000791 33639410000331 & 33639800000122	1) Mrs. Sudha G, W/o. Mr. Gunashekhar C, 2) Mr. Gunashekhar C	22.06.2024 Rs.10,74,840.30 (Rupees Ten Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and Thirty Paisa Only) due as on 19-06-2024	Date: 29-08-2024 Time: 01:50 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel the property bearing Site No.294, PID No.16-70-294, measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 36 Feet total measuring 720 Sq.feet, Situated at 3rd Main Road, Kamalanagara, Bangalore, Presently Within the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.295, **West by:** Site No.293, **North by:** Others Property & **South by:** Road.			
2	45359440000141	1) Mr. Kenchappa G, 2) Mrs. Lakshmamma K, 3) Mrs. Sakamma G	22.06.2024 Rs.2,83,948.70 (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight and Seventy Paisa Only) due as on 19-06-2024	Date: 29-08-2024 Time: 11:20 AM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Southern half portion of Site No.76, Sy.No.23, New V P Katha No.126/23/76, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, Totally Measuring 600 Sq.feet, Situated at Kenchanapalya Village, K Gollahalli, Gram Panchayath, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** House No.77, **West by:** Site No.75 and Road, **North by:** Remaining Northern half portion of same number property belongs to Mr. Shanthakumar & **South by:** Agriculture Land and House.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.09.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16-09-2024 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

ARKALGUDU- 23303110000018, 23303140000067, 23303190000110, 23310920000094, 1092/00156, **MALLAVALLI -** 23503010000369, 23503340000061, 0334/00079, 23503670004206, 23503760003992, 0376/04048, 0376/04303, 0376/04304, 23503770004088, 0377/04089, 23504090004591, 23510990000039, 1099/00047, 1099/00062, 1099/00066, 1099/00073, 1099/00097, **HOSADURGA -**17103010000138, 17103120000118, 0312/00119, 17103180000033, 17104090022931, 17110920000165, 1092/00184, 1092/00185, 1092/00192, 1092/00223, 1092/00239, 1092/00260, 1092/00299, 1092/00361, 1092/00439, 1092/00452, 1092/00453, 1092/02956, **JAGALURU-** 18203010000550, 18203140000016, 0314/00020, 18210920000045, 1092/00046, 1092/00056, 1092/00062, 1092/00070, 1092/00091, 1092/00104, 1092/00134, 1092/00136, 1092/00137, 1092/00146, 1092/00147, 1092/00167, 1092/00173, 1092/00176, 18210990000054, 1099/00090, 1099/00110, 1099/00123, **DAVANAGERE -** 16903140000039, 0314/00041, 0314/00042, 0314/00052, 16903150000165, 0315/00178, 16910920000025, 1092/00038, 1092/00047, 1092/00049, 16910990000050, 1099/00055, **GUTTAL -** 18103180000036, 18103190000102, 18110920000083, 1092/00107, 1092/00125, 1092/00135, 1092/00137, 1092/00166, 1092/00177, 1092/00191, 1092/00208, 1092/00214, 1092/00215, 1092/00286, 18110990000052, 1099/00070, **HARAPANAHALLI -** 17303110000028, 0311/00029, 0311/00030, 0311/00031, 0311/00034, 0311/00035, 0311/00037, 0311/00038, 0311/00039, 17303150000053, 17303180000012, 0318/00020, 0318/00034, 0318/00042, 0318/00046, 0318/00047, 0318/00062, 17303190000079, 0319/00080, 0319/00084, 17304090010683, 17310920000082, 1092/00113, 17310990000032, **HOOVINA HADAGALI -** 17803010000667, 17803180000003, 0318/00006, 0318/00009, 0318/00027, 0318/00046, 0318/00059, 0318/00067, 0318/00071, 0318/00072, 0318/00083, 0318/00100, 0318/00101, 0318/00104, 17803190000051, 17810920000123, 1092/00163, 1092/00218, 1092/00240, 1092/00254, 17810990000056, 1099/00127, **HUBLI -** 20803010000239, 20803180000019, 0318/00022, 0318/00023, 0318/00031, 20810920000116, 1092/00126, 1092/00130, 1092/00158, 1092/00182, **LAXMESHWARA -** 20403010000475, 20403110000002, 20403140000007, 20403180000017, 0318/00022, 20410920000015, 1092/00019, 1092/00020, 1092/00035, 1092/00050, 1092/00053, 1092/00060, 1092/00062, 1092/00069, 1092/00071, 20410990000053, 1099/00055, 1099/00056, **RANIBENNUR-**16803140000033, 16803150000115, 16810920000031, 1092/00034, 1092/00035, 1092/00050, 1092/00051, 1092/00056, 1092/00073, 1092/00080, 1092/00092, 1092/00097, 1092/00100, 1092/00101, 1092/00116, 16810990000039, 1099/00040, 1099/00046, 1099/00059, 1099/00060, 1099/00065, **KOPPAL -** 23203010000502, 23203150000077, 23210920000039, 1092/00048, 1092/00067, 1092/00068, 1092/00082, 1092/00088, 1092/00091, 1092/00103, 1092/00106, 1092/00108, 1092/00126, 1092/00129, 1092/00134, 1092/00151, 23210990000041, 1099/00052, 1099/00074, 1099/00078, 1099/00083, 1099/00124, 1099/00137, 1099/00143, **KUKUNUR -** 23403010000444, 0301/00449, 23410920000047, 1092/00061, 1092/00089, 1092/00097, 1092/00110, 1092/00115, 1092/00133, 1092/00134, 1092/00142, 23410990000064, 1099/00072, **HEBBALA -** 19003140000008, 19003190000044, 19010920000019, 19010990000058, 1099/00061, **K M DODDY -** 18703180000011, 0318/00015, 0318/00029, 0318/00035, 0318/00039, 18703190000040, 0319/00041, 18703230000001, 18710920000010, 1092/00029, 18710990000042, **K R NAGARA-** 20603010000528, 20603110000035, 20603140000056, 0314/00087, 20603150000239, 20610990000072, **PERIYAPATNA -** 18603010000404, 0301/00405, 18610990000039, **T C CIRCLE -** 18903010000226, 18903110000046, 0311/00048, 0311/00050, 0311/00051, 0311/00057, 0311/00058, 0311/00060, 18903120000307, 18903180000025, 0318/00026, 0318/00028, 0318/00029, 0318/00032, 18903190000154, 18903340000082, 18904090007298, 18910920000018, 1092/00020, 1092/00025, 1092/00036, 1092/00101, 18910990000055, **TURUVEKERE-** 17603010000709, 0301/00714, 0301/00730, 17603110000023, 17603180000001, 0318/00003, 17610990000072, 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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net and Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in on 18-09-2024 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 18-09-2024 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

By Authorized Officer
Indel Money Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mrs. Sunitha Satish (Co-Borrower, Mortgagor & Legal Heir of Borrower Decesed Mr. Satish Kumar)	Loan Account No. 47469610000053 Loan Amount: Rs.15,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property: Schedule-II (Description of the Property):** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.103/1, Property No.17/1, situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bangalore Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 15 Feet, in all Measuring 600 Sq.ft. and **Bounded as Follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.103 & **South by:** Site No.104.	Date of NPA: 02-07-2024 Demand Notice Date: 30-08-2024	**Rs.15,31,995.43** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Forty Three Only) **as on 25-08-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 02.09.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (I).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 8224705.00/- Demand Notice dated: 04-Nov-2022	10060657620	Prabhavathi N & Venkatesh J	INR 5580131.00/-	INR 558013.10/-	18-Sep-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	17-Sep-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-Sep-2024 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name - Neha Rao Contact Number - 9620788890 Name - Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091
	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS : All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Apartment/Flat No.005, In The Ground Floor, Having 1890 Sq. Ft Super Built Up Area Including Terrace area,At site no-602, In The Residential Apartment Building Known As "J.J. Elita" In Porperty Bearing S.L. No. 602, Municipal No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3 And 44/4 Old Sy. No. 44 Then Old surey no-44 And Resurvey No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3, And 44/4, Total Measuring 26,136 Sq. Ft.(24 Guntas)Situated At Nyanappanhalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And, Bounded As: East: Nyanappanahalli Main Road,West: Private Property,North: Private Property & South: Nyanappanahalli-Hulimavu Road								
2	INR 2792132.72/- Demand Notice dated: 06-Feb-2020	18714419	Mr. Shivanna T & Mrs. Pavitra Shivanna	INR 2472185.00/-	INR 247218.50/-	18-Sep-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	17-Sep-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-Sep-2024 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name - Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number - 9694702013 Name - Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number - 8971675091
	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS : All the piece and parcel of the property consisting of the Apartment bearing No. 213, measuring 942 square feet of super built up area at First Floor of the building in the project known as "Pushpam E Town" along with 307 square feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in the land with a car parking space at the basement of the building constructed on the residential^ converted land bearing Survey No.164/3 & 165/1, situated at S Medhalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, comprising of stilt, ground and three upper floors building. Item No. 1 - land bearing Survey No. 164/3, measuring 0-31 Gunta Bounded as:- North : Land bearing Survey No. 164, South : Land bearing Survey No. 165/2, East : Land bearing Survey No. 172 & West : Land bearing Survey No. 72 & Item No. 2 - land bearing Survey No. 165/1, measuring 0-25 Gunta Bounded as:- North : Land bearing Survey No. 164, South : Land bearing Survey No. 165/2, East : Land bearing Survey No. 172 & West : Land bearing Survey No. 72								
3	INR 5060502.00/- Demand Notice dated : 15-Apr-2019	14350235	Padmanabhan S & Geethanjali R	INR 3014649.00/-	INR 301464.90/-	18-Sep-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	17-Sep-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-Sep-2024 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name - Neha Rao Contact Number- 9620788890 Name - Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091
	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS : All that piece and parcel of property bearing of the property Plot No. 146, measuring East to West (27+51)/2 feet and North to South (45.2+39) /2 feet in the project known as "Golden Valley - Phase - 2" on the residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 44/4, situated at Hemmigepura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bounded on :- East by: Property bearing Plot Nos. 144 & 145, West By: 12 meter wide Road, North: 12 meter wide Road; and & South by: Property bearing plot no. 147								

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

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SIX GAZA HOSTAGES KILLED SHORTLY BEFORE THEY WERE TO BE RESCUED

Israel said it recovered the bodies of six hostages from a tunnel. The hostages were killed just as the Israeli forces were about to rescue them

MORE PRESSURE ON NETANYAHU TO REACH DEAL

The news is expected to put renewed pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to negotiate with Hamas. Thousands took part in a rally in Jerusalem on Sunday demanding that the government secure the release of remaining hostages. Israel's largest trade union, representing some 8,00,000 workers, has called a general strike on Monday | P11

LARGE-SCALE POLIO VACCINATION DRIVE BEGINS

- The six found dead were to be released during the first phase of an eventual ceasefire deal. Expressing sorrow over the incident, Netanyahu said, "Whoever murders hostages doesn't want a deal"
- Meanwhile, the United Nations-led polio vaccination drive, aiming to inoculate 6,40,000 children in Gaza got underway on Sunday

Eight

HOSTAGES RESCUED SO FAR. ISRAEL ESTIMATES MORE THAN 100 HOSTAGES REMAIN IN GAZA

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A video grab of people carrying a 19-year-old youth in Chikkamagaluru district

Tribals carry youth's body in cloth stretcher for 2 km

B THIPPERUDRAPPA
@Chikkamagaluru

WITHOUT motorable roads, hospital and other basic facilities, tribals had to carry the body of a 19-year-old youth in a makeshift cloth stretcher to Konegodu village in Samse Gram Panchayat limits of Kalasa taluk in Chikkamagaluru district recently. The video of the body being carried in the cloth stretcher has gone viral on social media sites.

Recently, the deceased, Avinash, belonging to a Scheduled Caste community, seriously fell ill. His relatives from the hamlet, where eight tribal families live, carried him in the makeshift stretcher till a motorable stretch and then to a hospital in Kalasa town. During their journey, they had to cross a narrow footbridge, as there are no solid bridges too, carrying Avinash. At the hospital, the teenager did not respond to treatment and died.

Later, it was an arduous journey back again to these tribals. An ambulance carrying Avinash's body reached till a point from where his relatives had to trek back again. The body was placed in a cloth stretcher and carried till their hamlet. They had to walk for 2 km through a narrow path before reaching their hamlet, where the last rites were conducted.

For villagers of Konegodu, the Samse-SK Megal road is the nearest motorable stretch, which is 2 km from their hamlet. In between, they have to cross small streams, which are in full flow during the rainy season. They have to make do with footbridges to cross these rivulets as there are no solid bridges connecting their village.

End the culture of adjournments in courts, reduce case delays: Murmu

President calls for measures to change the public perception that judiciary lacks sensitivity

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@New Delhi

CALLING for a change in the 'culture of adjournments' in courts, President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday said inordinate delays in judicial decisions in heinous crimes such as rape may give the impression that judiciary lacks sensitivity. "Many people cannot even imagine the suffering that poor people face due to the culture of adjournments. Every possible measure should be taken to change this situation," she said at the valedictory session of the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary.

Stressing the importance of speedy and fair justice delivery, the President said longstanding pendency and backlog of cases is a big challenge before the judiciary. She lamented that the poor people from villages are afraid to go to court. "They become a participant in the justice process of the court only under great compulsion. Often they tolerate injustice silently because they feel that fighting for justice can make their lives more miserable," she said.

President Droupadi Murmu, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal at National Conference of District Judiciary, in New Delhi | PTI

For many commoners, travelling from their village to the court becomes a cause of mental and financial stress. The culture of adjournments hurt such people the most, President Murmu said.

On the flip side, the rich and the well-connected are not affected in the same way. "It is a sad part of our social life that in some cases, the well-off people roam around fearlessly and freely even after committing a crime. Those who are victims of their crimes remain scared and terrified, feeling as if they were the ones who had committed the crime," she noted.

Stressing on the need to have wider consideration on the children of women in prison, she said: "The children of women, who are in prison, have their entire lives lying ahead. Our priority should be to assess and improve what is being done for their health and education."

Describing pendency and backlog of cases as a big challenge before the judiciary, the President said programmes such as special Lok Adalat week should be organised more frequently to clear the backlog. "All stakeholders have to find a solution by giving priority to this problem," she said.

She also advocated for making arrangements to provide judgments in the local language as local conditions can help in achieving the ideal of taking justice to everyone's doorstep.

'National level hiring for judicial services'

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Sunday batted for a national-level recruitment process for judicial services, saying the time has come to move beyond the "narrow walls of regionalism and state-centred selections". Speaking at the event, Minister of State for Law Arjun Ram Meghwal said clubbing of similar cases may help reduce pendency in the courts

'Order to make govt docs write prescription in Kannada soon'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

KANNADA Development Authority (KDA) Chairman Dr Purushotham Bilimale said that soon, he will issue an order mandating government doctors to write prescriptions in Kannada.

He told reporters here recently that he had issued a similar order in Raichur. Another order will be issued extending it to the entire state soon, he said.

He said that many patients do not understand English prescriptions and there are chances of wrong medication being given to them if pharmacists are not able to decipher the prescription. If it is in Kannada, at least the patient will know the medicine he is taking, he claimed.

Bilimale said he will submit a petition to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in two to three days, requesting him to order a re-exam of the preliminary exam conducted by KPSC for recruitment of 350 gazetted probationary officers. He said translation bloopers in question papers have largely affected the prospects of aspirants from rural background. P7

K C Tyagi steps down as JD(U) spokesperson

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

SENIOR Janata Dal (United) leader and former Member of Parliament K C Tyagi, who criticised various policies of the Centre, resigned as the JD U) national spokesperson on Sunday. The party appointed Rajiv Ranjan Prasad as his replacement. The party said Tyagi will continue as 'political advisor'.

Tyagi said he is resigning due to personal reasons and there is nothing more to it.

Sources in the JD (U) said Tyagi's frequent attacks on the Central government's policies such as the Uniform Civil Code, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, and the lateral entry, were seen by many within his party as unhelpful to the ties with the BJP. JD(U) parted ways with the INDIA bloc and joined the NDA in January.

Some in the party were uncomfortable with Tyagi's readiness to air his conflicting opinions when its senior leaders played it safe. His seniority meant only few leaders barring Nitish Kumar, who has of late been relying more on other party colleagues to helm organisational matters, could direct his stand. With two senior JD(U) leaders — Union minister Lalan Singh and its parliamentary party leader Sanjay Kumar Jha — representing the JD(U) in national politics, sources said there is a view that both leaders should be left to shape the ties with the BJP without frequent public interjections of Tyagi.

GST revenue growth slips into slow lane; Aug collection ₹1.75Lcr

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

GROSS GST collections in August 2024 grew 10% to ₹1.75 lakh crore year-on-year. However, a quick analysis shows the growth in GST mop-up shows fatigue. In July 2024, the gross collection increased 10.3% to ₹1.82 lakh crore, while in August 2023, it had risen by 11% to ₹1.59 lakh crore.

The slowdown in net collection was even more prominent with August mop-up rising a mere 6.5% to ₹1.50 lakh crore. This is on account of a 38% rise in refunds. In July, the net GST collection was up 14.14%.

In FY24, gross collections grew by 11.65%, and in the previous year, by 21.5%. Between April and August 2024, gross GST revenue grew only 10%.

The fall in collection could be an effect of higher base effect as well as moderation in economic activities as was evident from the first quarter GDP numbers, which came in at 6.8% compared to 8.2% in the year-ago period.

The slow growth should also worry policymakers, who have been contemplating rationalising GST rates amid public outcry over high GST on essential goods. Pratik Jain, partner, PwC India, says both gross and net collections have been a tad lower than what the government was expecting. "The GST Council may want to look into this, in the context of expected GST rates rationalisation," he said.

Moderation in GST revenue growth could also be on account of large states like Tamil Nadu (7%), Gujarat (6%), Bihar (8%), Rajasthan (5%) and West Bengal (6%) showing single-digit growth. Andhra Pradesh reported a 5% fall.

According to Manoranjan Sharma, chief economist at Infomerics Ratings, it is difficult to record a consistently high growth rate on a constantly rising and much higher base.

Top: Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw unveils the prototype of Vande Bharat sleeper train in Bengaluru on Sunday. Right: Berths in the sleeper coach | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, EXPRESS

1st Vande Bharat sleeper train to run in 3 months: Vaishnaw

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE first Vande Bharat sleeper train will become operational for passengers within three months, said Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw here on Sunday.

He made the announcement after unveiling the prototype of the sleeper coach at the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) facility. The sleeper train with superior facilities is aimed at revolutionising long-distance travel across the country by providing world-class travel experience and superior amenities.

Vaishnaw said, "After the Vande Bharat Chair cars, we were working on the Vande Bharat sleeper cars. Its manufacturing has now been completed. The train will go out for trial and testing from the BEML facility today." The coach will undergo a rigorous 10-day trial before hitting the tracks for further testing.

The fully air-conditioned train with 823 berths is meant for the middle class and the fares will be on par with the Rajdhani Express, he said. Presenting a timeline, he said, "Once the prototype has been thoroughly tested, production will commence with plans to roll out two to three trains every month after the initial one-and-a-half years of production."

The Railway minister also inaugurated a 9.2-acre hangar facility dedicated to exporting standard and broad-gauge rolling stock. CONTINUED ON: P7

EXPRESS READ

10 die as heavy rain batters Telangana

Hyderabad: As many as 10 people died and hundreds were stranded in floodwaters as torrential rain battered the state for the second consecutive day on Sunday. Four more people were washed away in Warangal and Khammam districts which were the worst hit, with Tirumalayapalem mandal recording a massive 52.1 c rainfall in just 24 hours, most of it falling early Sunday morning | P7

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WEATHER — MIN 20°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST: Passing showers. Overcast
Sunrise 06.08 am | Sunset 06.29 pm | Moonrise 05.24 am | Moonset 06.11 pm

BETTER B'LURU

BPAC engages chief secretary on pressing city issues

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Political Action Committee (BPAC) CEO Revathy Ashok recently met Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to discuss urgent issues facing Bengaluru. Following a comprehensive survey of around 10,000 residents, BPAC identified the city's most pressing concerns that require immediate government attention.

In an interview with TNIE, Revathy Ashok explained that the key topics discussed with the chief secretary included mobility, solid waste management and urban flooding. The meeting focused on eight specific areas where citizens demand action, and the government's response was proactive. BPAC is addressing these issues both at the policy level and in terms of execution.

On the establishment of Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) and budget allocation, Revathy Ashok stated, "Citizens emphasised the need to establish BMLTA with a dedicated budget of Rs 100 crore, along with adopting rules to ensure its effective operation."

On the Active Mobility Bill, she said, "Respondents strongly supported the Bill, which seeks to promote walking, cycling and other non-motorised transport options. This Bill is seen as a crucial step towards making Bengaluru a healthier and more sustainable city."

Discussing the implementation of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy, she said, "The survey highlighted the urgency of enacting the policy. Key actions include expanding the e-bus fleet, developing Bescom's Smart Grid and Electric Vehicle Cell, promoting the EV Jagruthi website, prioritising EV parking, and deploying EV charging and battery-swapping stations. The policy also focuses on enhancing electric-first and last-mile connectivity and delivery services."

On the need for budget allocation for public transport and active mobility, she mentioned, "Citizens have called for increased budget allocations for public transport and active mobility, arguing that these investments will reduce traffic congestion more effectively than expanding infrastructure for private vehicles."

She stressed that the primary mode of public transport in Bengaluru is not Namma Metro, but Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC). On the expansion of BMTC fleet, she said, "There is an urgent need to increase the BMTC fleet by 10,000 buses, including mini-buses and electric buses, to meet the growing demand for public transport. The BMTC fleet has not expanded, putting tremendous pressure on the efficiency of public transport."

She said, "We are advocating for the implementation of the Shalini Rajneesh committee's recommendations, which suggest decongesting major junctions, maintaining road infrastructure on 12 high-density corridors, and prioritising pedestrian and cycling infrastructure through the Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) initiative."

Addressing urban infrastructure and environmental concerns, she said, "Citizens have called for the expansion of Tender SURE roads, including planned underground utilities and stormwater management systems. Effective solid waste management strategies, urban flooding mitigation measures, and projects like the K100 Rajakaluve rejuvenation are also top priorities."

B'LURU LAKE WATER NOT POTABLE: REPORT

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WATER from any of the city lakes is not fit for consumption even after treatment, shows a report by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

The Board studied 110 lakes in the city, falling under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and panchayat limits, and all the lakes fell under D and E categories, while none of them were in the A, B or C categories.

Lake data available with The New Indian Express showed that prominent lakes, like Ulsoor, Madiwala, Yediyur, Sankey, Varthur, Bellandur, Hebbal, Puttenahalli and Mahadevapura, all fall under the D category. The water quality in lakes like Yelemallapa Shetty, Kaikondanahalli, Singasandra, Rampura, Anjanapura, Kudlu, Basavanapura, Shettihalli and Seegehalli is in E category.

Officials from KSPCB and environment department, who assessed data from January to July, said the lake water is not fit for consumption even after treatment. "Most lakes in the city are filled with sewage water. The drainage lines are not well connected and outlets not checked. The contaminants are extremely high. Despite the National Green Tribunal (NGT) pulling up state government agencies, little has been done to improve the lakes," said the official.

WHAT CATEGORISATION MEANS
- A: Drinking water source without conventional treatment but after disinfection
- B: Outdoor bathing (organized)
- C: Drinking water source after conventional treatment and disinfection
- D: Propagation of wildlife and fisheries
- E: Irrigation, Industrial cooling, Controlled Waste disposal
- Below-E: Not Meeting A,B,C, D and E Criteria

(As per CPCB standards)

A senior BBMP official shot back, saying KSPCB is also equally responsible. "Instead of issuing notices to civic agencies and panchayats, they should also serve a notice to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board. KSPCB should shut down polluting industries, apartment and commercial complexes, but little has been done. No action has been taken for the delay in putting up an effluent treatment plant in Peenya Industrial Area. BBMP has 183 live lakes, of which 136 have been rejuvenated," he said.

Experts said that many lakes have not moved up from E category to D, even after issues of concern being flagged to the all stakeholders. Ram Prasad, from Friends of Lakes, said, "The condition of lakes has not improved. Most lakes have not even moved from category E to D. The dissolved oxygen levels in the lakes is less. KSPCB issues notices and the matter ends there. Little or nothing is happening on the ground."

BBMP apathy: Garbage littered on road next to Kadirenahalli underpass

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

THE road near Kadirenahalli underpass leading to Bendrenagar and Kadirenahalli is littered with garbage. As if this littered garbage is not enough, residents complain that Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's garbage collection mini-autos loaded with garbage has been parked unattended on the stretch for many weeks.

"We have to blame both the BBMP and people for the mess. BBMP has failed to keep the area clean. Due to BBMP's inaction, people have started to use the stretch to discard their garbage," said Thimmaiah, a resident of Kumaraswamy Layout.

He used a Kannada proverb to explain how things should be and said "Eradu kai seridare chappale," which translates to "It takes two hands to clap".

"Collaboration and mutual effort by BBMP and the citizens are necessary to solve the garbage issue in the city," Thimmaiah said.

BBMP vehicles unload garbage into heavy vehicles on the stretch and during this process, some waste spills onto the road and remains there. BBMP vehicles are parked at this location while the public throws additional waste at night, resulting in a pile of both dry and wet waste, creating foul smell for commuters on the stretch which is nearly 80-meter.

Garbage littered on the road near Kadirenahalli underpass, along with BBMP's garbage collection mini-autos parked unattended | EXPRESS

Just a few meters from the stretch, near the National Institute of Rock Mechanics, the footpath and the road have become a parking lot for BBMP vehicles. Three BBMP vehicles which are not working have remained parked there for four months, filled with garbage. Items like a large sofa, a bathtub, and other waste have also been lying unattended.

A shopkeeper, Mohammed Zubair, said that the three vehicles have been there for four months, and shopkeepers of car repair, chicken shop owners and residents throw waste here at night.

The pavement and road have become a parking lot for the vehicles, and residents take advantage of this by throwing waste there daily.

Thimmaiah stressed that the BBMP needs to come up with solutions to solve the issue, and the public must demand their rights, and should not throw waste on the road, as it causes problems for other citizens. The long stretch of garbage on the main road is a shameful act for both the residents and the authorities.

Speaking to TNIE, BBMP South Zonal Commissioner Vinoth Priya said they would look into the issue and solve the problem swiftly.

UNPRECEDENTED, BUT NOT BE

Engineer who placed ₹72 cr bid for site seeks refund of ₹4L deposit

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A software engineer based in Tiptur of Tumakuru district had placed a bid for Rs 72 crore for a Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) corner site measuring 60x40 sqft. The market value of the site two years ago was just Rs 6 crore, making it an offer of 1,270% over the actual value, the highest ever in BDA's history.

But BDA later cancelled the allotment as the bidder, TC Shashank Patel, failed to pay one-fourth of the amount within 72 hours as required. Patel claimed that he did not realise that his bid amount was for per square metre, and not the entire site. He has now flooded the Authority with RTI applications, demanding the Rs 4 lakh deposit he made to place the bid.

The site (Survey No. 276) in HSR Layout 4th Sector was finally allotted to another bidder for Rs 10.57 crore earlier this year, sources said. Five bidders for the site stood no chance because of Patel's humongous quote.

Documents accessed by TNIE reveal that for the e-auction, which began on March 4, 2022, BDA had fixed a minimum bid price of Rs 1,50,000 per sqm for this site, which worked out to Rs 6 crore. "Patel had placed a bid for Rs 20,55,500 per sqm translating to Rs 72 crore. He started his bid at Rs 2,01,500 per sqm on March 4 and kept increasing it till it touched Rs 20,55,500 by March 9. Since it was an e-auction, the site automatically got allotted to him," a source explained.

An Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs 4 lakh had to be paid for this site. EMD gets automatically refunded for unsuccessful bidders, while it gets adjusted towards the total amount for the successful bidder.

The site in HSR Layout 4th Sector, for which the bid was placed | EXPRESS

As per the Disbursement of Corner Site Act 1984, the successful bidder needs to pay 25% of the total amount within 72 hours and the remaining within 210 days with an interest of 18%.

Patel did not pay one-fourth of the amount within three days and the allotment got cancelled automatically and the EMD was forfeited. Another source said, "BDA is right in going by the rule book and there is no provision in the Act to refund the money."

Those dealing with RTI applications said, "The bidder was harassing BDA officials, bombarding them with an RTI application every month, either in his name or that of his father or mother. He has filed over 20 RTI applications so far."

Patel told TNIE, "I thought my final bid of over Rs 20.55 lakh was for the entire 60x40 site as I assumed BDA sites were cheap. The square metre calculation was not clear in the application. It is my hard earned money and I need my Rs 4 lakh back. That is why I am repeatedly sending RTI applications. BDA has not responded to any of them, except one and that was because I approached a senior officer. The next hearing with the RTI commissioner is on Tuesday."

Another deadline set to fill potholes

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has got another deadline to fill the potholes in the city. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shiva Kumar, who is also the Bengaluru Development Minister on Sunday gave a 15-day deadline to BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath to fill the potholes in the city.

In May end, CM Siddaramaiah after his Bengaluru rounds said that a special task force would be set up, and gave an ultimatum to the BBMP to fill the potholes in 30 days. BBMP officials blamed rains for not being able to fill the potholes and as per the official records, the city had 2,303 potholes till August 19.

"Many parts of the city are riddled with potholes. If one is not careful while on the road, especially on two-wheelers, they can fall and this can be fatal too" said Vinay Kumar, a motorist. While we can ride with caution during the day, at night, it's difficult to navigate through bad roads, he added.

Balachandar, a techie stated that during rains all the potholes gets filled up and the big craters are not visible.

At places where the potholes are unmanageable, leading to accidents and traffic jams, traffic police are seen taking on the additional responsibility of fixing potholes, which otherwise is the BBMP's job.

DCM Shivakumar stated that he has been receiving many complaints relating to potholes and gave an ultimatum of 15 days to BBMP to fill them up and added that after the deadline he will inspect the city roads.

EXPRESS READ

LEOPARD FOUND PROWLING IN A RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT AT JIGANI

BENGALURU: A leopard was seen prowling on the outskirts of the city in a residential layout in Kyalasanahalli, Jigani. "Residents of Arbors By The Lake woke up on Saturday morning around 3 am as the dogs in the area were barking repeatedly. Initially, they assumed that the dogs might be barking at thieves and came out of their houses to check if there were any burglars. When they did not find any thieves or strangers, they checked the CCTV footage in the area," said a police officer attached to the Jigani Police Station. He added that the residents of the layout found a leopard prowling in the area in the CCTV footage, and immediately alerted the police and forest department. "When we went to the layout and inspected the area along with the forest officials," he said, adding that they did not sight the leopard. He said that they continued to keep vigil and the residents have been alerted for their safety. He added that the leopards don't stay in one place for long and the big cat would have moved to the forests nearby.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND September : The current Jupiterian alignments are a herald of freedom. Let me explain. Jupiter is a planet of freedom which stimulates enterprise and individuality. It encourages people everywhere to break out of ruts, challenge convention and overturn the old order. If you're a natural conservative and hate change, keep your head down!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The dominant planetary alignments right now concern those two helpful planets, Venus and Jupiter. You may do your bit to turn potentially explosive situations into happy and joyful encounters by being a little less demanding; you'll be the winner in the long run.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There's an interesting tie-up between planets in those sectors of your solar chart controlling your decision-making powers and working arrangements. You may therefore both anticipate important meetings, discussions and interviews before long, and be confident that you'll do extremely well.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Play your cards with perfect timing and you might just be in for a boom period financially. What you must realise is that, at such times, it may be necessary to take a major risk, but that the greater the gamble the more uncertain the consequences. You're about to see an old friend in a new light as well.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This is an excellent period for domestic entertainment as long as you're prepared for some friends to go right over the top, as the saying goes. This is not the moment for self-discipline. If anything, it's time to let go and experiment with new relationships and lifestyles.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The next few days seem more likely to be dominated by fantasy and rumours than by objective facts and truth. This is all quite harmless as long as you don't go in for too much exaggeration. On the other hand, if you manage to take some time off, you'll discover a whole new angle to an old occupation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The general attitude of the moment is optimistic. Like many people, you will be inclined to expect the best. Unlike them, you are in an ideal position to secure advances in two areas: spiritual understanding and financial prosperity. Surprisingly, they're more closely linked than you might have thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
One of the most important cycles for your affairs results from the apparent orbit of the planet Venus around the earth. Seeing as this is now at a crucial phase, we may happily offer you a forecast of emotional success. You will soon make up for a recent blunder by the way, so don't worry - too much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Partners and associates may condemn you as selfish or self-interested today or tomorrow. Yet nobody can conceal the truth, which is that it is they who are pursuing their ambitions at other people's expense. A commercial venture looks best if you're after an instant gain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Sometimes it is astrology's task to point out the upside of current celestial alignments, even when they are not too promising at first sight. Right now it seems that your expectations will be so high that you are laying yourself open to disappointment later - and that would never do. Be realistic and you will achieve a wish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The critical factor this week, or at least over the next two or three days, is the need to maintain a spirit of agreement, channelling an undoubted wish to succeed via a spirit of co-operation. A legal dilemma will be solved if you consider unusual solutions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It is because of the superficial nature and expectations of our society that you so often experience turbulence in the unconscious as vaguely disturbing or worrying: we are just unfitted to deal with such profound astrological influences. Make a start now by facing up to your deeper motivations.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
According to the astrological tradition of the ages, you don't like dealing with money. Ironically this is why you are continually obliged to sort out financial problems - it is here that you have most to learn. Your social plans are about to change, mainly because there'll be serious arrangements to make.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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7	3	1	2	9	8	6	4	5
2	5	9	6	7	4	1	3	8
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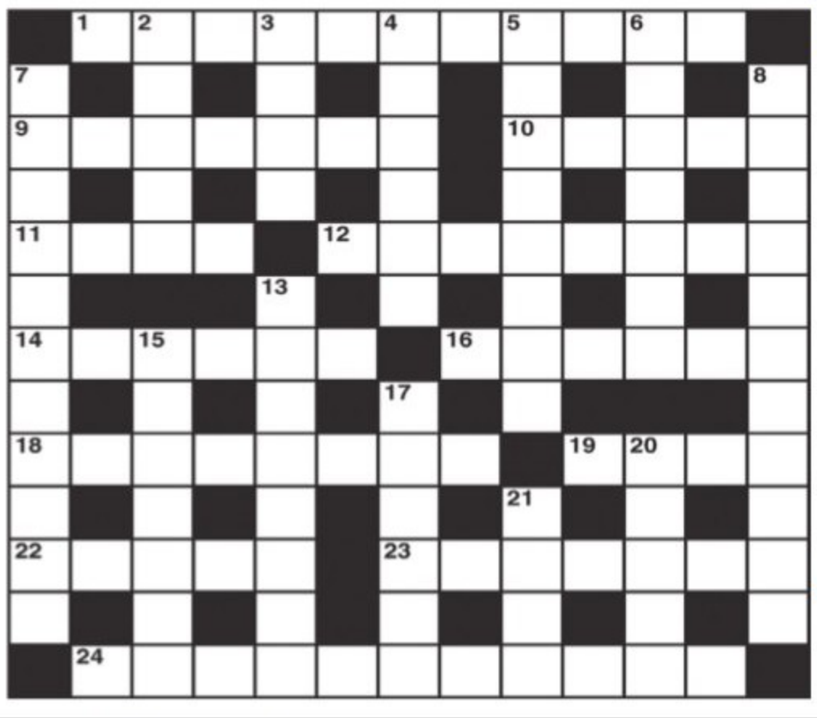
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 It's fractionally down (11)
9 Featured open-and-shut cases (7)
10 Ship could be a drifter (5)
11 Bound reportedly to drift (4)
12 Later exchanges in court battle (8)
14 Sport for stern-looking athletes (6)
16 Priest has little right to separate father and son (6)
18 Decoration to book suggesting safe investment? (4,4)
19 Get into shape for being married (4)
22 Sailor returned to show an old card game (5)
23 What one thinks of love taking wing (7)
24 See me cringe from such dire straits (11)

DOWN
2 Putting me in goal is correct (5)
3 Forget I'm to about turn (4)
4 Odd Latins put in office (6)
5 Where barristers practise drinking (2,3,3)
6 They gave advice so wise and so clear perhaps (7)
7 Get straight an argument over privileges (3,2,6)
8 A very soft application gets the nomination (11)
13 An escort is arranged for one who has gone before (8)
15 Compound in which there are two animals (7)
17 Region possibly showing neglect (6)
20 She's round and full of energy (5)
21 An element of quartz in crystal (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Pistil, 4 Theorist, 9 Norman, 10 Trap door, 12 Aria, 13 Angel, 14 Tear, 17 Leisure hours, 20 Screwdrivers, 23 Abet, 24 Admen, 25 Toff, 28 Puritans, 29 Daniel, 30 Outvoted, 31 Unwary.

Down: 1 Pinnacle, 2 Sardinia, 3 Iran, 5 Horse soldier, 6 OGPU, 7 Ironed, 8 Torero, 11 Independence, 15 Juice, 16 Grain, 18 Senorita, 19 Usefully, 21 Sappho, 22 Secret, 26 Otto, 27 Yam.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

VEONL

NUDBO

CANTEC

TOREHB

Way to hustle!
HE ROUNDED FIRST AND HURRIED TO SECOND BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GET THERE ---
7/8
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HARSH TEMPO WALNUT ASSURE
Answer: In Hitchcock's "To Catch a Thief," sometimes the French Riviera would — STEAL THE SHOW

Airport customs have seized 1,670.92 kg of gold valued at Rs 1,19,38,723 from three Sri Lankans at the Kempegowda International Airport. The trio had arrived by an IndiGo flight from Colombo on Saturday. The flyers had attempted to smuggle the gold by concealing it in paste form in their rectum

BREAKING RULES

LIKE DARSHAN, WE TOO WANT SMOKES: HINDALGA INMATES

Senior police officer denies any such demand, stir by prisoners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

THE viral photo of undertrial prisoner actor Darshan Thoogudeepa where he is sitting on a chair with a mug in one hand and a cigarette in the other, seems to have negatively influenced the inmates of Hindalaga Jail as well.

The prisoners allegedly staged a protest inside Hindalaga Central Jail in Belagavi, on Sunday, demanding cigarettes and other tobacco products in the prison, as they came to know of the facilities provided to Darshan, at the Bengaluru Central Jail at Parappana Agrahara, recently.

It is learnt that a group of prisoners staged a protest inside the jail, on Sunday morning, demanding beedis, cigarette and chewing tobacco. They also declined breakfast until their demands are met, despite these products being banned in the state's jails.

The protest has turned into a big headache for the jail authorities, and officials said that they tried to convince the prisoners, but they refused to budge.

When asked about the protest, DIG Northern Range Prisons, PT Shesha said, "The prisoners are in the jail. No such protest took place, and our staff is very alert. This news is just a rumour spread on social media."

A screengrab of a video that went viral shows actor Darshan holding a mug and a cigarette in Bengaluru Central Prison

Tobacco found on prisoners during a raid

After the police received information about some contraband being found in the Hindalga Jail, Belagavi Police Commissioner Iada Martin Marbaniang conducted a surprise raid with a team of about 220 officers, a few weeks ago. They found a packet of tobacco, cigarette and some other unauthorised products on the inmates, which raised serious concerns about prison security.

According to the sources, officials in Hindalaga, Ballari and others jails are on high alert, as more than eight jail staffers from Parappana Agrahara were suspended after the photograph of Darshan smoking in jail went viral.

Prisoners are denied access to substances like tobacco within jails.

Darshan may be charged this week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE police team investigating the Renukaswamy murder case, in which actor Darshan Thoogudeepa and his close acquaintance Pavithra gowda along with 15 other accused are arrested, is likely to submit the chargesheet this week.

A senior police officer, who is part of the investigation, told *TNIE* that they are building a watertight chargesheet, which is in its final stages. The investigating team, however, is expecting a few forensic and other technical reports and soon after getting them, the chargesheet will be submitted to the court .

The officer said the forensic report is said to have confirmed the victim's blood stains on the clothes of six main accused. Clothes, footwear and leather items, which the six accused were wearing at the time of the incident, were recovered from their respective houses after their arrest.

The police officers have managed to collect over 200 crucial pieces of evidence which will make the case strong, they said. Even the postmortem report has reportedly confirmed that the victim died due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries, they added. The case was registered in the Kamakshipalya police station limits on June 9, while Darshan was arrested from Mysuru on June 11. The police have to submit the chargesheet within 90 days after the arrest of the accused in heinous crimes.

10th accused shifted to Vijayapura jail

VIJAYAPURA: Vinay, the 10th accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, was officially transferred to Vijayapura Central Jail, on Saturday. Vinay was arrested in connection with Renukaswamy's murder that took place in a shed in Pattagere in Bengaluru. The shed belonged to Vinay's family. Vinay, who owns a restaurant in RR Nagar, Bengaluru, was interrogated, and moved to the jail. Along with actor Darshan, who was shifted to Ballari Jail recently, Vinay is also an accused in the murder case. Vinay arrived at the jail with two bags. He was assigned prisoner number 14433 upon arrival, and has been placed in cell number 1, a special cell equipped with an attached bathroom and fan. **ENS**

ECO FRIENDS

Children take part in a clay Ganesha idol-making competition, ahead of Ganesha Chaturthi, organised by Bal Bhavan in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Class 9 girl ends life over harassment by four boys

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

A 14-year-old girl died by suicide by hanging at her house in Hanakere village of Mandya on Sunday. The victim has been identified as Impana, a Class 9 student of the Viveka Vidyasamsthe in Mandya.

According to a police complaint filed by her father Srinivas at the Mandya Rural police station, Impana took the extreme step due to harassment by four minor boys. While two boys are from Hanakere village, one is from Kachchigere village and the other is from Mallaianadoddi village. They used to harass the girl to accept the love of one of the students.

For the past two days, the four students used to visit the sports ground where sports event are being held for the students and used to harass the girl. Unable to bear the torture, his daughter died by suicide, Srinivas alleged in the complaint. Mandya Rural police have registered a case and are investigating it.

B'luru Rural saw 523 accident fatalities this yr

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

UNTIL August this year, Bengaluru Rural district recorded 523 fatal accidents involving 441 vehicles. Of these, 131 were pedestrian-related, 284 involved two-wheelers, 19 were of bicycles, and 24 were truck-related, among others.

A senior police officer pointed out that a majority of theaccidents took place at black spots such as Nelamangala, Hoskote, Anekal, and Doddaballapur, largely due to blind spots, poor lighting, and overspeeding. Bengaluru Rural SP CK Baba noted that most accidents occurred between 12 am and 6 am during long weekends, with those working late-night shifts being especially vulnerable.

Baba observed that the rise in vehicle density, due to several companies requiring employees to return to office, has also contributed to the increased number of accidents.

He explained that accidents in Nelamangala, Hoskote, and Anekal are common due to their connection to major highways — Nelamangala links to the Mumbai-Delhi highway and Hoskote to the Chennai highway. This often leads to overspeeding. He also noted that many heavy vehicles are overloaded, which contributes to frequent chain accidents resulting in multiple fatalities and injuries, highlighting the urgent need for stricter enforcement of weight limits.

He added that the return to office work this year has increased traffic, as many employees must commute from Bengaluru Rural to the city. This influx contributes to congestion, especially during late hours and early mornings, leading to higher accident rates. Contributing factors include poor road conditions, inadequate lighting, blind spots, and reduced visibility, which, combined with high collision risks, exacerbate the danger on the roads. Moreover, jaywalking and traffic rule violations have resulted in 131 pedestrian deaths out of 523 accidents, making up 25 per cent of the total, Baba said, stressing the importance of CCTVs and Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, as well as enhancing coordination with hospitals to better understand the severity of cases and determine safety measures.

EXPRESS READ

Motorist dies, mom hurt as truck knocks down their two-wheeler

BENGALURU: A 20-year-old motorist was killed, while his mother was injured after a truck knocked them down on Sunday. The accident occurred on the Dabaspet flyover in the Nelamangala traffic police station limits. The police have arrested the driver and seized the vehicle. The deceased has been identified as Kushal Kumar, and the injured is Mamatha (45), both residents of Bidadi. Police said that around 2.15 pm, a truck heading towards Tumakuru was reversing on the Dabaspet flyover and struck the two-wheeler on which Kumar and Mamatha were heading to Chitradurga. Passersby rushed them to hospital, where doctors declared Kumar dead on arrival, while Mamatha is under treatment.

BIS hosts Manak Manthan session on aluminium, alloys

BENGALURU: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) held a Manak Manthan session on Aluminium and Aluminium alloys ingots for remelting and castings, for general engineering purpose, on Thursday at its Bangalore Branch Office. The session is part of a mandatory certification roll out, effective December 1, 2024, aimed to streamline standardisation, gather feedback, and discuss the revised standard. The session was inaugurated by Vijayaveeran K, scientist-E, Director and Head BNBO, and Dr SS Kale, scientist-G, DRDO-Centre Military Airworthiness and Certification, was the chief guest. He emphasised on the role of BIS role in the economic development in the country.

Jayadeva centre extends health services

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research extended its management to provideround-the-clock basic services at its Satellite Centre located at KC General Hospitalpremises in Malleswaram, starting Sunday.

The centre, which previously operated from 9 am to 5 pm, will now be open around the clock, with staff from the main Jayadeva Hospital assigned to support operations.

An official confirmed that by Monday, cardiologists will also be available at the satellite centre to manage emergency services. Outpatient consultations, screenings, and interventional cardiology procedures, such as angioplasty, will be offered continuously, as part of the current expansion, he said, adding that patients requiring further medical attention beyond these services will be referred to the main Jayadeva Hospital.

Currently, the satellite centre sees about 45-50 patients daily. The expansion aims to provide comprehensive access to healthcare at both the main and satellite centres, enhancing convenience for patients.

A health official from the institute said Dr KS Ravindra, Director of Jayadeva Hospital, is scheduled to visit the satellite centre at 3 pm on Monday to identify service gaps and better understand patient needs. Following the assessment, arrangements will be made to allocate additional staff to ensure seamless operation of the expanded services.

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Tender Notification No 06/2024-25 Dated : 31.08.2024

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governer of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-4,** form The Total no of works is 1, **H/A :- 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH (Land Plan Survey) Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 116.00 lakhs, Further changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 31.08.2024 to 09.09.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	04.09.2024 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM
3	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	11.09.2024 after 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time for opening of Financial bid	13.09.2024 after 16.00 Hrs

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Executive Engineer,
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Union minister Pralhad Joshi slammed the Congress on Sunday, saying that its leaders were making "child-like" statements on the issue of electoral bonds. "We have accepted the judgment of the Supreme Court on electoral bonds, but will condemn false accusations," he said

'WE'VE LAWS TO PROTECT WOMEN, BUT THEY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY'

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EXPRESS Dialogues

WHILE there is much outrage over the rape and murder of a woman PG medical student in Kolkata, the first woman IPS officer in South India and former DGP **Jija M Harisingh** opines that we have stringent laws to protect our women, but the key is in the implementation. In a conversation with the editorial staff of *TNIE*, she speaks about various issues, from being a top police officer when there were no women in the force to safety of women. Excerpts…

You were the first woman IPS officer in Karnataka. How did it happen?
I am a 1975-batch IPS officer. Before that, I served as a government college lecturer in the Department of English at Maharaja College in Kerala. Student protests, violence and lethal weapons were common on the campus at that time. While I was an invigilator, another invigilator was stabbed. Rowdy elements placed daggers on the desk while writing exams, but I wasn't scared. I went to them and asked whether I can remove these daggers from the desk and they were stunned. Even in those days, I was not scared. While there is a stereotype that police are corrupt and negative either in appearance or words, I thought one should do something about this profession to clean it up. This made me consider a career in civil services and I became keen on becoming a police officer. When I took the civil services exam, I didn't qualify for the Indian Administrative Service, but I did for the Indian Police Service and several other services. During the interview, they asked me what service I would like, I said IPS as I had no domain knowledge of other services like postal or Railways, which also don't have as much scope for action as the police service does. After I said IPS, the whole scenario of the interview changed with them asking me all kinds of questions like how do you tackle your seniors, how do you handle a situation, etc. I was not thirsting for the job as I already had a good job. I was not tense when I answered the interview. My first posting was in Chitradurga.

How did your family take it?
There was an earthquake in my family, relatives and society. It was tough for them to accept me as a police officer, as ours is a conservative family. There was not a single uniformed officer in my entire family, not even a soldier. They were all doctors, engineers and lecturers.

How were your days in the Academy?
The National Police Academy administration was very strict. It was challenging and tough in the early days. I was the only woman among 100 men aged between 22 and 26. They were not kind at all, and I suffered a lot. If you ask about the toughest phase of my life, it was that one year at NPA. In the next batch, there were five women. Being the only woman, there was no one to share my sweat. I was part of the editorial part of the Academy, I even wrote an article titled 'The Lady and Hundred Cops'. After the article, the director called me and I said it's my life. There was a list of those who performed well in indoor and outdoor activities and I ranked fifth. Many men couldn't handle it, and it was tough. I suffered in private and never showed my distress publicly.

How was the cadre those days?
Karnataka is a mature cadre. I wouldn't say I faced harassment, but there was discrimination in posting and decision-making. I remember in 1988, when I was DCP Traffic, after expressing my opinion on an issue, Police Commissioner AR Nizamuddin sought another opinion. I told him that as the senior-most DCP, I had done research and my opinion should be final. Eventually, he agreed.

Since you worked as DCP Traffic long ago, what solution do you see for Bengaluru traffic?
Traffic police are working hard to ease traffic congestion, but traffic management depends on infrastructure. Bengaluru was initially designed for a much smaller population. By the 1970 census, Bengaluru had 1.7 million people. By the 1980s, the city's population surged as many companies moved from Calcutta, but the roads remained the same. As DCP Traffic, I was sent to the Traffic and Road Research Laboratory (TRRL) in England by the Government of India to learn traffic management. I introduced zebra crossings, yellow hatches, and increased the height of traffic light poles as buses and heavy vehicles blocked light, making it difficult for other vehicles.

Are flyovers a solution for Bengaluru traffic problem?
Research across the world shows that they are not the solutions. There should be proper planning while making a junction. New extensions must be created. Flyovers can reduce traffic jams. The new Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway is done with proper planning. Earlier going to Mysuru was a nightmare as it would easily take around four hours. All it takes today is just two hours. So it is not a flyover, but a proper road with scientific planning.

But land acquisition is a problem for making new roads. How to manage it?
I agree that it is a problem. In 1989, I tried to pedestrianise Commercial Street and Brigade Road. Even today it is not done. In Italy and other foreign countries, we can see pedestrianised places. Pedestrianising some roads is a good idea. In my time, I restricted the movement of autorickshaws on select roads. There was a discussion on the World Bank coming for traffic management. It would have been wonderful. I was keen on creating cycle paths all over. Cycling must be encouraged. When I was DCP (Traffic), there were 14 kinds of vehicles, including horse carriages and bullock carts. I introduced the concept of just four wheelers on the carriage way. But we cannot avoid two-wheelers. It would have been good if there was a separate road for two-wheelers. These are some of the things which we have to look at.

After the Kolkata incident, how will you look at the safety of women?
Offences against women, vilification of women, molestation of women and attacks on women are prevalent all over the world. Take any country, such instances come up, so does rape. Why is it happening? Multiple reasons. Number one is the patriarchal mindset, not only in India but all over the world. Though women have gained momentum through education and career, their suffering in absolute terms has not ended. Kerala is top in education and employment, but also has highest domestic violence. Suicide is prevalent. These are things we cannot explain logically. There is still objectification of women. The Kolkata incident highlights how doctors are so vulnerable. Everywhere doctors do night duty. Nurses also do night duty. It is a dangerous and frightening situation if a doctor who is respected, revered is being attacked. It is a deplorable state of affairs. Because of the CCTV cameras through the Nirbhaya grant, the apprehension of culprits is fast. Earlier, there were no CCTV cameras. Accused would rape and go around. I feel the law enforcement system has to be strict in rape cases in not only investigation, even in prevention. Fast-track courts are not effective yet.

Do you think that our laws should be strengthened to protect women?
India has got the strongest laws for women inside the home, in public places and workplace. Laws have covered women wherever she goes. But we sadly fail in enforcement. The way prosecutors present the case is not effective enough. The chain is as weak as a link if the prosecution is not strong enough. If the prosecution fails, the whole case collapses. If there is no immediate action from the court, the whole purpose is defeated. Rapists just walk free. It is the collective responsibility of the institution, society and the government.

What advise would you give women to ensure they don't become victims of rape?
Women have to be careful. They have to anticipate and put things in place. There were instances of sexual attacks on girls in schools and the government formed a committee to end it. The effective measure that started was to register cases against school principals. After that principals became alert. It was impactful. Principle of equality has to come everywhere. Victims of domestic violence are from all strata of society. Earlier in some African countries, where men had four or five wives, women felt only if they were beaten, husbands loved them. I do not know if it still exists.

Crimes, especially those targeting students and women, are steadily increasing. What decisive action should the government take? What policies or enforcement measures need to be urgently implemented?
India has some of the strongest laws in place, but the issue is not with legislation — it's with enforcement. The government's role is to pass and implement these laws, and they are already there to protect everyone. However, the failure lies in execution, particularly within the court system. After the Nirbhaya case, I felt compelled to act. The following year, I organised a national conference on women's safety and security in India, titled "Gandhiji Revisited". Gandhiji had envisioned a free country where a woman, adorned in jewellery, could walk the streets at midnight without fear. I wanted to revisit that vision and question whether it is a reality today, even after 60-70 years. The conference had an impact, highlighting the gaps in government offices where required safety committees were missing, despite regulations mandating them for offices with more than 10 employees. Considering the rising crime rates and growing population, it is crucial to push for more initiatives and stricter enforcement measures.

As a woman police officer, how have you raised your daughters?
I have raised my daughters to think for themselves and be highly independent. However, nothing has been able to eliminate the negativity that persists in people's minds. Have we been able to reduce theft, housebreaking, or attacks? No. Have we managed to curb murders? No. These issues remain unresolved. And it's not just a matter of population. Even smaller countries face the same problems. Look at the #MeToo movement in America, which exposed misconduct at the highest levels of society. These issues are pervasive everywhere, and we can only hope to find viable solutions and exert some control over them.

Should self-defence and ways to handle dangerous situations be part of the school curriculum? Shouldn't students, from an early age, be taught how to raise an alarm if someone touches them inappropriately?
Including self-defence and safety awareness in the curriculum is essential. It should also become ingrained in society's psyche. During our night rounds, we would often detain anyone loitering around — it might have been seen as an invasion of privacy, but it was a preventive measure. We would put them in lock-up overnight and release them in the morning, which helped in minimising offences. Starting such training from childhood would be incredibly beneficial, especially for women. I also believe in the idea of conscription, like in other countries, where at 17 or 18, young people undergo six months to a year of military service. It instills a sense of discipline, and if implemented in India for both men and women, it could create a massive auxiliary force. Making conscription compulsory would bring about a significant positive change.

What measures should be taken to ensure that special treatment is not given to jail inmates?
Special treatment for inmates should not be given, but it has been a longstanding issue. Even earlier, high-ranking individuals, such as ministers, received special privileges even while in prison. Today, VIP cells and preferential treatment for certain prisoners still exist. All inmates should be treated equally, regardless of their status. The challenge however, is compounded by the fact that a significant portion of prisoners are under trial, and while laws may be robust, enforcement can be lacking and some laws have inherent flaws.

EXPRESS READ

Not afraid, some trying to petition governor against me, says Shivakumar

BENGALURU: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday claimed to have a clue about some of his detractors preparing to file a petition against him with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. Responding to a media query with regard to only two petitions that were filed against Congress leaders -- concerning KIADB allotting land to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's family trust, and Industries Minister MB Patil pending with the governor, Shivakumar said, "We have no information about that. Some are filing petitions against us. Others are preparing to file a complaint against me. Let them file the complaint." Shivakumar had said on Saturday that the governor told the Congress delegation that there was no petition against leaders of the Opposition BJP-JDS alliance, including Union minister HD Kumaraswamy, Shashikala Jolle, Gali Janardhana Reddy and Murugesh Nirani in the Raj Bhavan. "We are puzzled, but will get information on this matter on Monday. We have submitted our petition (seeking prosecution against the Opposition members) based on the information we have received," he claimed.

Chalavadi Narayanaswamy writes to Amit Shah, seeks ban on online gaming

BENGALURU: Council Opposition Leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, urging him to ban online gaming because of its devastating impact on many families. In his letter dated August 29, Narayanaswamy stated, "You have played a significant role in implementing several revolutionary legislation, including the banning of many online games and apps, especially during Covid. I have witnessed numerous families and young people becoming addicted to these online games, which has driven many families into poverty, forcing them to live on the streets." He noted that many families have fallen into debt and lost their harmony due to addiction. "The real victims are the families of those who become addicted to these online games and apps. In contrast, the owners of these gaming companies are leading lavish lives, some here and some abroad." He requested Shah to take appropriate action against the creators of these apps and owners of gaming establishments, describing them as a new social menace in the country.

Members of Mysuru Congress welcome senior party colleague RV Deshpande at the party office on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

DESHPANDE WISHES TO BE CM, IF CONGRESS AND SIDDU AGREE

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VETERAN Congress leader RV Deshpande said that he would be keen to rise to the chief minister's post, if the Congress high command and chief Minister Siddaramaiah agree.

Deshpande said he is tired of being a minister, as in the previous government, and has the ambition of becoming the chief minister. Speaking to the media here, he said there is no question of leadership change in the state. "But one should have ambition in life. I am two years older than the CM. Even if the high command permits me to be CM, Siddaramaiah should also give his approval." Clarifying that he and Siddaramaiah are good friends, Deshpande claimed that Siddaramaiah would be the CM for a full five-year term.

He, however, stated that there is no talk of leadership change in the state, claiming that the meeting between ministers Dr G Parameshwara and Satish Jarkiholi was only to discuss departmental issues and nothing else.

Deshpande further claimed that Siddaramaiah had no role to play in the MUDA scam case, adding that those making accusations have failed to furnish details.

Deshpande added that Ramakrishna Hegde had resigned as chief minister, when phone-tapping allegations were levelled against him. But value-based politics are a thing of the past.

Later, honouring toppers of the Brahmin community at an event organised by the Adarsha Seva Sangha at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Deshpande said Brahmin students are not getting the expected support from the governments. He called upon prosperous families to extend financial support to such students from poor backgrounds.

CM not worried about MUDA case, says Dr G

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HOME Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** on Sunday said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is not worried about the MUDA case. On Saturday night, the CM had hosted dinner for some cabinet colleagues, including Parameshwara.

Responding to a question by reporters as to whether the CM is worried about the MUDA case, Parameshwara said the Chief Minister is not worried. "The CM is clear in all matters as he reiterated that he has not misused his power as the Leader of the Opposition and as the CM. He has made it clear to the people of the state that he has not done anything illegal," he said. "His body language has been strong as well," he added.

When asked about the Justice John Michael D'Cunha report on Covid-19, Parameshwara maintained that he was not present when the former presented the report to the CM.

"After going through it, further decisions will be taken based on what has been recommended. Commissions are formed with the objective of fact-finding and reporting to the government on any subject. Action will have to be taken after receiving the commissions' report. Otherwise why create a commission in the first place? The CM will take a call on placing the report before the cabinet," he said.

Guv should issue sanction to prosecute HDK as it's a clear case, says Parameshwara

TUMAKURU: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said here on Sunday that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who sought clarification from the Lokayukta on the request for sanction to prosecute three former BJP ministers, should act on a case allegedly involving Union minister HD Kumaraswamy too, as that case is clear. He was referring to the governor's reply to a Congress delegation, which met him during 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' on Saturday, seeking sanction to prosecute Kumaraswamy, Shashikala Jolle, Murugesh Nirani and Gali Janardhana Reddy. "The governor said he has only one file. It is known that it is of Kumaraswamy. Shouldn't action be taken on that? As the Lokayukta has clarified on the legality of the case, action should be taken," he said. "The file of complaints has gone from the Lokayukta. The governor said he asked for clarification and sent it back. The matter cannot be rejected until the clarification is received from the Lokayukta," he said. Parameshwara said the Lokayukta cannot sit idle, but will send clarification on the three cases after which it is up to the governor to initiate action. There was no discussion with the governor on a KIADB site allotted to Siddhartha Vihara Trust of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, he said. On approaching the President of India with regards to the MUDA case, he said a decision will be taken after the Karnataka High Court verdict and how things pan out. **ENS**

Congress to hold division-wise rallies in support of CM Siddu

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE entire Congress is rallying in support of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by organising division-wise rallies and meetings across the state, beginning with Tumakuru, against Governor Thaawarchang Gehlot sanctioning prosecution against Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case. A meeting to finalise the plans will be held soon.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwar said "There has been significant pressure from district and taluk leaders to hold rallies and meetings in support of Siddaramaiah. After the first rally in Tumkur, protests will be held in other divisions like Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Bengaluru."

Congress working president and Council chief whip Saleem Ahmed said, "Many district-level leaders have requested permission from the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee to organise rallies in their respective taluks or districts."

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre who hails from Bidar said, "We will continue to hold rallies and protests. We will continue to support Siddaramaiah till justice is done."

Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar said, "From the Belagavi division, we are also eager to hold a rally once the state unit gives us the green light."

Conspiracy charge

Congress leaders suggest that a conspiracy is being plotted against Siddaramaiah, involving the misuse of constitutional offices, including Raj Bhavan. They have said they have no choice but to protest.

Meanwhile, political analysts said the AHINDA groups have backed Siddaramaiah since 2005-6 when his participation in AHINDA rallies and meetings led to a problem in the JDs party and he was expelled from the JDs and he later joined Congress

A 28-year-old woman allegedly died by suicide after killing her three children in Patancheru in Telangana on Sunday, owing to her husband's alcohol addiction. The deceased woman has been identified as Suvarna. She, her husband Sudhakar (32), three-year-old twin daughters and five-year-old son had come to Rudraram to look for work

Yettinahole project to be inaugurated on Sept 6

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THE much-awaited Yettinahole project that aims to supply drinking water and fill lakes in seven districts in the state will be inaugurated on Friday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the project on the occasion of Gowri festival, said Deputy CM DK Shivakumar.

The project will be a lifeline for Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagaar, Tumakuru and Hassan districts.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Shivakumar said all political parties have worked for the completion of the project. "I had taken up this project as a challenge in the last one year and completed the works on a war footing," he said.

The project attracted several criticisms, and there were some disputes pertaining to forest land which were being sorted, he said. "Once the land is handed over to us, water will flow to the main canals. Currently, water is being lifted from seven barrages and temporarily released to Vani Vilas Sagar dam. We will invite leaders from all political parties, farmers and district in charge ministers for the inauguration event."

In 1972, the GS Paramashivaiah committee submitted a report to the government on the Netravati river diversion project that involved diverting of rivers and streams from four Malnad districts to feed water to Tumakuru, Kolar and Chikkaballapur. Later, it was renamed Yettinahole water diversion project. The original plan was commissioned in 2012 to feed water to Kolar and Chikkaballapur. Later, more districts were added. The project many hiccups since its inception, including a petition filed before the National Green Tribunal in Chennai in 2014.

Minor held in hit-and-run case in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A minor was apprehended by the police in connection with a hit-and-run case in which the accused hit a 21-year-old pedestrian by a car on Sunday morning in front of Vivekananda park, NGOs colony in Vanasthalipuram. According to the police, the injured identified as Soni from Hayathnagar was rushed to a nearby private hospital. Her condition is stable now, added police. The car involved in the accident was a self-drive vehicle. However, during the accident it was being driven by the owner's friend, said police. The police investigation revealed CCTV footage which captured the car speeding recklessly by the accused before hitting Soni. **ENS**

10 dead, 4 washed away as rain batters TG

● PM calls up CM, promises to send choppers ● Tirumalayapalem mandal records 52.1 cm rainfall in 24 hours

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AS many as 10 people, including N Ashwini, a young scientist with ICAR, died and hundreds are stranded in floodwaters as torrential rain battered the state for the second consecutive day on Sunday. Four more people were washed away in Warangal and Khammam districts, and rescue teams are searching for them. More than 115 villages across Telangana have been cut off from the outside world as the roads leading to them have been completely damaged, the state government said.

While rain ravaged the entire state, the erstwhile Khammam and Warangal districts were the worst hit, with Tirumalayapalem mandal recording a massive 52.1 cm rainfall in just 24 hours, most of it falling early Sunday morning. Over 120 people were stranded in floodwaters, mostly in the erstwhile Khammam district.

Khammam town and Manuguru were badly hit with many seeking refuge on the top of their houses hoping for rescue as water levels continued to rise.

Videos showed at least nine people stranded on Munneru bridge in Khammam town. The state government is trying to get a naval helicopter from Visakhapatnam to rescue them as the choppers in the state are unable to reach the spot due to inclement weather. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to enquire about the flood situation and assured him that choppers would be sent.

Revanth convened an emergency meeting with officials to oversee rescue operations. Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar spoke to Union Minister Amit Shah, who sent nine NDRF teams — three each from Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Assam — to assist rescue operations.

A portion of a road washed away in floodwaters in Khammam on Sunday | EXPRESS

The entire village of Nallela in Kuravi mandal, Mahabubabad district, was inundated around midnight on Saturday due to a sudden increase in the intensity of rainfall. Residents, who were caught off guard while asleep, had to rush to the top of their homes for safety.

Rains also severely impacted road and rail connectivity. The road link between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was cut off as rainwater is overflowing in Kodad, with the national highway not even visible to commuters.

Several trucks were stranded on the NH. The traffic between Suryapet and Khammam was also stopped due to floods. Several passengers trying to reach Hyerabad have been stranded in Vijayawada as the RTC cancelled its services between the cities.

Woman agri scientist, dad washed away

Mahabubabad: A man and his scientist daughter were washed away in the Akeru Vagu on Sunday morning on the outskirts of Maripeda mandal headquarters in Mahabubabad district. The victims, Nunavath Motilal and his daughter Ashwini were on the way to the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad. 26-year-old Ashwini was a scientist at the ICAR - National Institute of Biotic Stress Management's School of Crop Resistance System Research, Raipur. The young scientist and his father were to take a flight to Raipur. According to information, the car in which they were travelling, was swept away in a wave of floodwater that rose over the bridge of the stream. **ENS**

Rain recedes, but toll touches 15 in Vijayawada

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

WHILE torrential rain that lashed Vijayawada on Saturday receded, the citizens were in for a rude shock on Sunday morning as they woke up to flooded streets in parts of the city. As many as 2.76 lakh people in 16 wards, including Sundaraiah Nagar, Rajiv Nagar, Prakash Nagar, Kandrika, Gollapudi, Singh Nagar, Payakapuram, and Nunna, were hit by the deluge following the breach to the Budameru Rivulet. They were stranded in their homes with no power, water and food.

Toll in rain-related incidents surged to 15 on Sunday. While three children drowned in Prakasam district, a middle-aged man from Srisailam Colony in Gollapudi died as he tried to escape from an inundated under-construction building. A video of the man seeking help had gone viral on social media platforms earlier in the day. His identity is yet to be ascertained.

In Ibrahimpatnam, one lineman, identified as V Koteswara Rao, was washed away while he was repairing a transformer. Rescue efforts have been launched to trace him. In another incident at G Kondur, a tractor with 10 people overturned in an overflowing stream. One woman was washed away, while nine others were rescued by locals.

The rising floodwater level triggered panic among the people. A few persons also reported spotting snakes. People living in the lower floors moved to higher storeys in their buildings. Even as rescue operations were launched, it remains unclear how the water will be cleared.

Later in the day, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu toured the flooded colonies in Ajit Singh Nagar, Kandriga and a few other places in a boat.

Residents of Singh Nagar wade through a flooded road after Budameru canal breached in Vijayawada on Sunday | PRASANT MADUGULA

Shepherds attend int'l meet in SL

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

AN international meeting of shepherd communities is being organised by the Sri Lankan, Ceylonese, shepherd community. The Shepherds India International, a prominent organisation in the country, too is participating in the three-day event starting from Sunday.

BJP MLC Adagur Vishwanath, founder-president of the organisation, said, "There are many shepherd communities across the world, and we are coming together to celebrate this movement in Sri Lanka." He also highlighted the historical and cultural significance of shepherding, pointing out that such practices have deep roots in many ancient traditions.

The Rigveda, one of the oldest texts in Indian literature dating back to around 1500 BC, makes several references to pastoral life and sheep rearing. The Brihadaranyaka Upanishad speaks about the shepherds. In the Sangam literature too there are many references to sheep rearing, he said.

The Kuruba community, with approximately 12 crore members across India, sees Sri Lanka event as an opportunity to foster global unity among shepherds. "Worldwide, there are many more Kurubas or shepherds," Vishwanath noted.

He also recalled a previous gathering in Egypt, where the shepherd community is notably large and traces its ancestry back to the Pharaonic period, about 6,000-7,000 years ago.

He said, "In ancient Egyptian mythology, pastoral life was closely linked to divine imagery. Gods like Khnum, depicted as a ram-headed deity, were associated with creation and fertility, and Osiris, another prominent deity, was sometimes depicted as a shepherd or associated with agriculture, symbolising resurrection and renewal."

The Indian team flew out to attend the Sri Lanka event on Saturday and is participating in the three-day conference that started on Sunday.

SUVs set to participate in the rally at a forest area in Mudigere taluk on Saturday

Min orders probe into motor rally in forest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

FOREST Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Sunday instructed the additional chief secretary for Forest, Biodiversity and Environment Department to order into the vehicle rally in Bhirapura and Hosakere hills in the Balur Reserve Forest on Saturday. The probe should be conducted by a Chief Conservator of Forests-rank officer and a breach of public case under the Forest Protection Act and Wildlife Conservation Act should be filed.

In a letter, the minister elaborated that the motorists have illegally entered the sensitive zone of Balur Reserve Forest which also happens to be an elephant corridor and conducted a rally in which 52 vehicles are known to have participated. The forest department should take immediate action, the letter said.

Activist Pradeep Gowda alleged that neither the Mudigere RFO nor the staff had taken action on the rally participants.

"Since it is a corridor for wild animals and elephants, the sound of vehicles disturbed the animals. The vehicles must be seized and action must be taken on the trespassers," Pradeep demanded.

When the incident came to light on Saturday, a probe by a Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) rank officer had said a detailed report has been sought on trees damaged, grasslands impacted and animals disturbed, and action will be taken.

'236 govt schools to get facelift'

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THE KDA chairman strongly objected to KPSC's statement that the candidates should have referred to the English question paper. Bilimale even offered to translate the question paper into Kannada. Bilimale said he will write to the heads of all banks in the state to appoint at least one Kannadiga among their staff by November 1 this year.

He said they are planning to give a facelift to 236 century-old government schools in the state, using CSR funds, during the next two years. He said they have roped in 5 lakh schoolchildren to write the nameboards of 65,000 villages and urban localities in the state in Kannada to retain the old names in the light of many places being renamed for various reasons.

No 'power group' in film industry, says Mammootty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

ACTOR Mammootty, reacting for the first time after the Hema Committee report came out nearly two weeks ago, said there is no 'power group' in cinema and that it is not a field where such groups can exist. He also urged the government to implement the recommendations of the committee.

Mammootty's response comes a day after actor Mohanlal, who had resigned as AMMA president recently, said he was not part of any 'power group' and was unaware of any

"The police investigation into the complaints raised is progressing. The full version of the Justice Hema Committee report is before the court. Let the police and court complete the investigation and punish the accused. There is no 'power group' in cinema. It is not a field where such groups can exist," Mammootty wrote on Facebook, referring to the Hema report released on August 19 which cited the existence of a "power group that determines who should stay in the industry and who should be cast in films".

"I welcome and support the recommendations and measures mentioned in the report. All associations in the film industry should join hands to implement them. The practical recommendations of the committee report should be implemented, and necessary legislation should be brought if there are legal hurdles," he added.

About the delay in responding to the developments, Mammootty said he was waiting for the responses of associations. "The right way is that the association and its leadership should react first. I waited this long because I believe that I should give my personal opinion as a member only after the responses from the associations," he said.

Crashworthy buffers among safety features

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VAISHNAW also visited the Railway Training Institute and interacted with trainees and had lunch with them. Minister of State for Railways V Somanna and Chairman and Railway Board CEO Satish Kumar were present.

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EDITORIAL

"We should be less concerned about adding years to life, and more about adding life to years. I want to see lasting and meaningful peace achieved in Sri Lanka as early as possible" — Arthur C Clarke

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— Ramnath Goenka

UNACCEPTABLE BULLYING OF PHILIPPINES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

AT a time when China is seeking to play peacemaker in West Asia, it continues to behave like a high school bully in its neighbourhood. A couple of days ago, a Chinese coast guard ship rammed into a Philippine vessel near a contested Sabina Shoal in the South China Sea, the third such intentional collision between naval assets of the two nations in two weeks. The uninhabited shoal is about 140 km off the Philippine province of Palawan, in the internationally recognised exclusive economic zone of the Philippines. That the Chinese vessel was the intruder was a no-brainer as the Philippine ship has been strategically anchored near the shoal since April. Videos showed the Chinese CCG 5205 ramming the Teresa Magbanua, which is among the biggest Philippine Coast Guard cutters. The flashpoint was the naval equivalent of the PLA's skirmishes along the Line of Actual Control with Indian jawans for decades. When Indian soldiers gave it back at Galwan on June 15, 2020, it resulted in a massive standoff in Ladakh that is yet to be resolved. New Delhi last week concluded its 31st round of talks with Beijing, with the Chinese readout saying both sides will strictly abide by the border-related agreements and turn over a new leaf in the situation at an early date. However, diplomatic niceties apart, there is little evidence on the ground of the neighbour's commitment to walk the peace talk.

Manila anchored the Magbanua near the Sabina Shoal to avoid a rerun of Beijing blocking resupplies to Filipino armed forces at another coral atoll they hold, the Second Thomas Shoal. Both countries reached an agreement last month to prevent further confrontation at the Second Thomas Shoal. At the Sabina, Philippines suspects China wants to construct a structure to seize it, like it did at a few other atolls on the South China Sea. The Sabina is part of the resource-rich Spratly Islands, which China wants to grab.

Militarisation of the South China Sea is already on with an expansionist Beijing refusing to accept an international arbitration that rejected most of its extended territorial cartography. The US is bound by a treaty to protect the territorial integrity of the Philippines. If Manila accepts Washington's offer to escort supply ships in contested outposts, it could complicate the situation further. Big powers ought to enforce rules-based governance and not behave like mediaeval tyrants. An unstable South China Sea is in nobody's interest.

THE SME IPO FRENZY NEEDS A REALITY CHECK

MINDLESS pursuit for stellar returns is pushing investors to bid for SME IPOs, some of which are getting subscribed 100-1,000 times. Listing gains from some of these IPOs have been very high, but these returns are not based on fundamentals. The short-term notional listing gains may not always end up in happy situations for investors. Many SME stocks listed last year are trading 50-70 percent below their IPO prices. There are stocks that are trading with healthy gains as well, but investors must be aware that liquidity in these shares is low, and one cannot easily exit at will. Most of the companies listed on SME platforms of the exchanges have very small operations, generating revenues of a few crores and very little profit. However, the ease of listing and lower compliances allow smaller companies to raise funds from the markets through listing of shares on exchanges. For investors who usually cannot get allocation in IPOs on the main board of the exchanges, try their luck in the SME section. The SME IPOs are also benefiting from the general IPO frenzy in the market.

However, the greed for better returns by investors, especially by retail investors, is turning the SME public issues into a sort of Ponzi scheme. The capital markets regulator—the Securities and Exchange Board of India—has already issued advisory against MSME promoters whipping up euphoria around the public issues. The regulator has admitted that SME promoters hitting the primary markets are unscrupulously projecting unrealistic pictures of their operations and inducing investors to purchase their IPOs. While the advisory is timely, it may not be enough to check the irrational investor behaviour towards IPOs. Investors should be made aware on a regular basis the pitfalls of such irresponsible investment decisions and unscrupulous promoters must be dealt with strict actions. There must be some checks and balances to curb the frenzy around IPOs. Since Indian markets are in a bull run, all kinds of promoters are trying to cash in on the euphoria. Investors are now so used to 'astronomical' returns from any kind of IPOs, they are unmindful of the fact that when tables turn, things can get ugly.

QUICK TAKE

DIVERT COW VIGILANTES

EVEN after the central government has made mob lynching a crime, the menace of cow vigilantism refuses to abate. A group of young men in Haryana taking the law into their own hands on mere suspicion is the latest in a long line of such cases of public violence in northern India. Let the police act against those who break cow protection laws in the states that have enacted them. These mostly unemployed youth are better pressed into formal social work, such as ensuring whether MGNREGA is being properly implemented in their areas. Otherwise, it would be impossible to put this genie back in the bottle.

The island nation needs mechanisms that will not fail people all over again. Voters have a key role to play, not only in selecting the next president, but demanding accountability from him

CHOOSING SUCCESSOR FOR SRI LANKA'S THORNY CROWN

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SRI Lanka is at the throes of a critical election, the first after the island's economic collapse and the 2022 protest movement, popularly known as the 'Aragalaya'. There are 39 presidential contenders—all men—and at least three frontrunners, according to opinion polls.

Stars do lie, so do opinion polls—or at the least, they can confuse, misdirect, and influence voter opinion. I am not even getting to survey methodologies and samples here. Many people I know wait for weekly updates as if they are betting on horses, trying to gauge the winner of these popularity quests. Take a deeper look, and it goes beyond simple curiosity. Some want to reconfirm their choice of candidate is leading, while others watch poll results with a sense of trepidation, deja vu, desolation and uncertainty. Clearly there's more than one bloc.

All elections, big and small, are important. It allows public participation in the selection of political leaders. In this critical poll, it is not about mere transfer of power. It is about leadership that can offer a course correction, economic overhaul, broad reforms and reducing burdens placed on people. The next president will have to treat the economy, reduce people's suffering, reset the economic agenda, service debt, and set a domestic agenda with an eye on strategic geopolitical interests.

Back to pollsters. The political intensity is naturally fuelled by popularity surveys. It is not difficult to identify the frontrunners—Anura Kumara Dissanayake and Sajith Premadasa, with a close popularity rate. Some analysts suggest there could even be a second preference count, an option Sri Lanka did not have to follow during previous presidential races. Incumbent president Ranil Wickremesinghe is in position number three, some polls say

Some 17.1 million are eligible to vote, including a million first-time voters. Out of this, 56 percent are women. Whether their aspirations are sufficiently reflected in these polls is a question of fact. Whether the non-urban population's viewpoint is equally represented is also a concern.

Then there is the horse racing we journalists are often culpable of. While pole vaulting is entrenched in our politics, the media also often play truant, uninformed or divisive messengers through horse racing journalism. We cover elections the way people bet on horses, offering coverage that unduly focuses on polling data and public perceptions instead of candidate policy. Such forecasting can confuse voters and possibly lead them to believe a certain election outcome to be a foregone conclusion, thus influencing their political opinion. Such journalism amounts to tampering with electoral integrity and is a convenient way for political groups to lobby their cause or mount influence operations.

Little wonder that a week ago, the Commissioner General of Elections had to caution voters against various election surveys in the lead-up to the polls, and request them to not feel compelled to change their opinions due to surveys. In recent weeks, Sri Lanka saw false information being circulated, specially via social media, falsely attributed to agencies such as the UN and the European Union, highlighting the need for voter awareness and political literacy.

Let's switch from polls to the candidates themselves: There is Ranil Wickremesinghe, an independent candidate (faulted for splitting the mammoth United National Party (UNP)), a nominated MP who was constitutionally appointed president following Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resignation. He brought temporary relief when the country was at a standstill, when the island was hit with long power cuts, no fuel and limited food supplies. Wickremesinghe says he kept the country afloat, dredged it out of an economic impasse, secured an IMF bailout and drew support from the international community to introduce a degree of 'stability'. He is critiqued for being a front for the Rajapaksas, a family considered responsible for the island's state of bankruptcy, nepotism and kleptocracy. Wickremesinghe's presidency is marred by a lack of moral authority due to the absence of a popular mandate, given that the majority had wanted Rajapaksas to step down in 2022.

Premadasa and Dissanayake have both held ministerial portfolios, and entered parliament in 2000, gradually rising in ranks. This writer interviewed both candidates in an interview series with first-time legislators when the fresh-faced politicians shared their political aspirations. At the time, the left-leaning Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, currently led by Dissanayake, sought "the key to the legislature" and sure enough, people would give them sizable representation in the House. Dissanayake spoke of resetting the political agenda through legislative reforms, policy resets, curbing corruption, increasing food production and a people-based economy. Sajith Premadasa spoke of making the liberal economy work for the people, or capitalism with a human face (a catch phrase introduced by former president Chandrika Kumaratunga), of strengthening democracy and strong public institutions. He was also the only legislator who said his ultimate goal was to become the president of Sri Lanka. It seemed far too ambitious 24 years ago, but Premadasa has unsuccessfully contested against Gotabaya Rajapaksa and is now seeking a mandate as a seasoned politician, leader of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya and Leader of Opposition.

For Sri Lanka, the upcoming election is crucial. The nation is required to make a political choice capable of leading the country through an extremely difficult period. The coming years are likely to be tougher than the last two years people have lived through.

During such a decisive time, it is necessary to look beyond words and golden promises that are not actionable. Electing a leader and his team at a parliamentary election is not going to provide the people with the solutions they need. To garner votes, it is possible to offer subsidies, tax cuts, immediate systemic overhaul and more. These are truly hard times. The nation needs democratic reforms, social equity, sustainable development, export-led growth, modernised agriculture and foreign direct investment. It needs mechanisms that will not fail people all over again.

The next president inherits a thorny crown and will not have things easy. Voters have a key role to play, not only in selecting the next president, but demanding accountability from him, demanding policy statements that are not figments of imaginations but are truly actionable. My fingers remain crossed.

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THE FIRST MIRACLE OF THE PILLAR OF VEDIC FAITH

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

AS we roll further into festival season with Ganesh Chaturthi, Vishwakarma Puja, Navaratri, Dussehra and Diwali lining up, I would like to retell the first miracle attributed to Adi Shankara, the pillar of the faith. It happened when he was a little boy seeking alms as required of students.

Hemavati was a desperately poor woman living alone in a hut at the far end of her village. Her husband had been a ne'er-do-well who never cared to tend the three home fires—the *garhapatya*, *ahavanya* and *dakshina*—to whom a householder had to make offerings for the peace and prosperity of society. Abandoning his duties, he left the village in the wake of an unpleasant band of tantric mendicants and no more was heard of him.

Was she a wife or widow, wondered Hemavati, ironically named 'the golden one'. The village wondered, too, and had many a salty wisecrack to make. Hemavati had no children and she was getting on in years, with no source of income.

Had her husband been around and earned his keep, ceremonially addressing the gods on behalf of those who were born, got married, died, built homes, or wanted special rituals, the village would have automatically supported her. But as a woman alone, she had no standing and no value. Too proud to beg, she went to every festival at the local temple where free food was distributed and did household chores for her neighbour for a bit of rice and old clothes. But after her neighbour died in childbirth, nobody bothered with her. Her last and only garment was reduced to tatters and there was absolutely no food for four days. "I must have done something bad in my last birth to suffer so," thought Hemavati bleakly, drinking yet more water to fill her stomach.

She went to sleep that night feeling very lonely and discouraged. The next morning, Hemavati was horrified to hear the clear, young voice of a student calling out for alms. She peered through a hole in the wall. A boy of about eight stood outside holding out his alms bowl.

"Alas, child," she called out tremulously, "I have nothing to give you. I have had no food myself for several days."

"Have you nothing at all for me?" said the child gently.

"Wait; let me take one last look," Hemavati found herself saying. She turned over her empty pots, bins and baskets. There lay a single shrivelled amla at the bottom of the last basket. Hemavati pounced on it and took it to the door. Opening it only a little to hide her ragged state, she put out her right hand with the amla. "I am so sorry, child, I have nothing at all but this. Please take it, if you don't mind such paltry alms," she said, deeply ashamed, and dropped it into the boy's alms bowl.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

> The first miracle attributed to Adi Shankara happened when he was a little boy seeking alms. To thank a woman who gave him everything she had, a dried gooseberry, he invoked goddess Lakshmi's grace and made it rain gold in the woman's hut

Instead of going away, the boy stood looking at the amla with a troubled face. Hemavati saw him step back and raise his arms aloft to the sky. He shut his eyes as though praying and burst into a hymn of praise for Lakshmi, goddess of good fortune.

Twenty-one beautiful verses poured out of him, describing the goddess in whom he said he saw all goddesses as one. "Let her garland of glances that protects Lord Vishnu, and gives him great strength, fall on me as well," Hemavati heard him sing, enchanted, "Gracious goddess, giver of joy, giver of wealth, be merciful as the cool breeze."

A great concentration of light appeared before him when he finished, so bright and intense it stood out even in the light of day.

"You have pleased me greatly with your sweet, spontaneous song," Hemavati heard a melodious feminine voice say. "Ask something of me, child."

"Gracious Mother! Please make this poor lady prosperous, I beseech you," said the boy.

"I may not do that, son, for she never gave anybody a thing in charity in her last life," answered the celestial voice.

"Why, Mother, look how she gave away the gooseberry, the very last thing she had in her house. She was starving for days and could have kept it for herself. But she gave it away in alms. Mother, you know very well that you alone have the power to erase and change the destiny written by Lord Brahma on each person's head," cajoled the child.

Hemavati heard an amused laugh. "So be it," said the goddess, and the column of light faded. The next moment, a hail of solid gold gooseberries fell through the roof of Hemavati's hut. Astounded, she rushed out to thank the boy.

"Child, I am beyond beholden to you. What name do you go by, blessed one?"

"Shankara," said the child, smiling sunnily. "God bless you and keep you!" said Hemavati. What a bold, tender-hearted little boy, to address the goddess on another's behalf and in such verses as to make her appear; and then, to bandy words with her and get his way.

"He is marked for some great work," thought Hemavati with a sudden flash of insight, overcome by the extraordinary contrast between the young student's spiritual energy and boyish simplicity. Gathering her wits, she said, "What a beautiful hymn to the goddess…the Litany of the Shower of Gold. Won't you teach it to everyone who cares, that all may benefit hearing it?"

"I will," said the boy and went away smiling to fulfil his destiny while Hemavati watched him go through a mist of grateful tears. And indeed, the *Kanakadhara Sthavam* or Litany of the Shower of Gold remains a hugely popular prayer even now. You can find it easily on YouTube.

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Debt difficulties

Ref: *Ballot to budget: Vote acquisition funded by taxpayer* (Sep 1). On one hand, the Union government's sovereign debt is crossing ₹185 lakh crore. On the other, it is allowing overdraft by states without weighing their repayment capacity. This development in the background of the country's wealth accumulating in the hands of a privileged few is not a good sign.

A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

Untiring alternative

Ref: *A case for mechanical temple elephants* (Sep 1). The use of elephants in religious rituals of temples in the south, especially Kerala, has been happening for centuries. Elephants undergo a lot of stress due to this. Mechanical elephants serve the purpose of an elephant and can perform tasks for a longer period without tiring and needing to be fed.

Manseet Swaroop, Deogarh

Commercialising rituals

Substituting elephants with mechanical counterparts may be seen as a break from tradition, failing to recreate the bond between devotees and living creatures. They risk reducing sacred rituals to mere spectacle, threatening to commercialise the divine.

A Myilsami, Sulur

Elephant safety

It's quite regressive that wild elephants are captured, trained and paraded around where humans arrive in dense packs. Every citizen has the responsibility to strive towards creating a safer environment for animals and plants, otherwise it's ungodly and inhumane.

TS Manoj, Ottapalam

Electoral impact

Ref: *The importance of being Himanta Sarma* (Sep 1). Bouquets and brickbats apart, the fervour with which Himanta Biswa Sarma has been endeavouring to protect and bring back demographic balance in Assam and the Northeastern states is irrefutable. He is now working for increased electoral fortunes for the BJP in Jharkhand. Only time can tell if his moves will have a positive or negative impact.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Same wavelength

Ref: *PM call for swift justice in crimes against women* (Sep 1). Just recently, the president expressed her angst about the rampant rapes and murders all over India. Now, the PM has also maintained the same tempo. West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee already blamed the CBI for not concluding investigations. All three seem to be on the same wavelength. One wonders why the delay, then?

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
To make the country happy, prosperous and rich, to free it from terrorism and corruption and to make the country a world leader... this is our aim.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Those who have climbed the ladder of power by using hatred as a political weapon are continuously establishing the reign of fear across the country.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
By breaking the symbols of Kashi in the name of development, does the BJP government want to destroy the heritage of Varanasi?

Hurriyat leader gives up separatism, joins PDP

Geelani says Kashmir issue can be resolved politically, not through guns

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AHEAD of the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, separatist leader and Hurriyat Conference member Syed Salim Geelani on Sunday joined the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) here in the presence of party chief Mehbooba Mufti.

Geelani is the first senior leader to give up separatist politics and join a mainstream party, reposing faith in the Indian Constitution.

Geelani was a close aide of jailed separatist leader Shabir Ahmed Shah. He parted ways with Shah years ago and joined the separatist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

"I was associated with Hurriyat Conference and separatist politics for the past 35 years and felt proud for working with that. Today, I am joining the PDP and it is also a proud moment for me," Geelani said.

He told reporters that PDP is the only party that has touched all the issues concerning the people in J&K. "PDP has been demanding resolution of the Kashmir issue, release of jailed youth, end to suppression and other atrocities. The party's agenda impressed me."

Syed Salim Geelani with PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti

Responding to a question, Geelani said Kashmir issue can only be resolved politically and not through guns. Asked if he would contest polls, he said, "My aim is not to contest elections but raise public issues and work for them."

Mufti, while welcoming Geelani to the party fold, said, "We requested him to contest elections on a PDP ticket but he has expressed inability to do so and said someone else should get a chance to contest."

Last week, kin of two separatist leaders joined the mainstream politics. Aga Syed Muntazir, son of separatist and Shia leader Aga Syed Hassan Al Moosvi, joined PDP while advocate Javaid Hubi, son of former Hurriyat leader Ghulam Muhammad Hubi, joined Awami Ittihad Party of jailed MP Er Rashid. Muntazir would contest from Budgam Assembly seat and Hubi from Chrar-e-Sharif in central Kashmir.

Waiting game on: Cong, BJP delay manifesto release

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

EVEN as electioneering for the first phase of J&K Assembly polls is picking up, the BJP and Congress are yet to release their manifestos.

The NC, PDP, Apni Party, Awami National Conference (ANC) and CPI (M) have released their manifestos. A total of 219 candidates, including 16 from the BJP and nine from Congress, are in the fray for 24 Assembly seats going to polls in the first phase on September 18.

Assembly polls, the first after the repeal of Article 370, are being seen as a "referendum". A political observer said it seems that the BJP and Congress are waiting for each other to release manifestos. "Both parties want to see what the other offers in its manifesto," he said.

In such a scenario, candidates of both the national parties don't know what they should offer to the voters. "In absence of a manifesto, it becomes difficult for a candidate to campaign. We are more focusing on local issues instead of bigger issues like statehood, reinstatement of Durbar Move, jobs and land rights," said a BJP leader.

Congress working president Tara Chand said consultation on framing of party's manifesto is going on. "It will be released within the next 2-3 days," he said.

The Congress manifesto is likely to focus on restoration of statehood to J&K.

A BJP leader said the party would release the manifesto after Congress releases it. "We are waiting for Congress to release its manifesto," he said.

The BJP manifesto, the leader said, would focus on development and highlight developmental works and public welfare projects and schemes launched in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

POWER GAMES

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New AICC Headquarters

CONGRESS PLANS NOV 19 SHIFT TO INDIRA BHAWAN

The Indian National Congress will have a new address in the national capital. The party plans to shift its national headquarters from 24, Akbar Road, which was originally the office of Congress(I) formed by Indira Gandhi in 1978, to a newly-constructed building on Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg, abutting the Lutyens Bungalow Zone. The party has named the new building after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Sources said Congress plans to shift to Indira Bhawan on the late Prime Minister's birth anniversary, November 19 this year. As Deen Dayal Upadhyaya is a BJP icon, the Congress has built the headquarters building with its back towards DDU Marg. The six-story building faces Kotla Road and has its address as 9A, Kotla Road. The Supreme Court had ordered the political parties to shift their offices out of the Lutyens Bungalow Zone to declutter the seat of power. The BJP is already operating out of its new HQ on DDU Marg. The construction of Congress HQ building was stalled due to a paucity of funds. Sources said the Congress may retain 24, Akbar Road, just like the BJP still has its old office bungalow 11, Ashok Road. They said that the shifting of the office will take place in a phased manner. In the first phase, the frontal organisations, namely the Mahila Congress, Youth Congress and the NSUI, and the party's departments and cells are likely to shift to the new premises.

Haryana Polls

BJP, CONG LEADERS LOBBY FOR TICKETS FOR KIN

The leadership of the two leading parties of Haryana — Congress and BJP — is grappling with the issue of Parivarwad. A large number of senior leaders from the two parties are demanding tickets for their kin. According to sources, more than a dozen leaders belonging to these parties are putting pressure on their leadership and are refusing to relent. Among the prominent BJP leaders who are demanding tickets for their relatives for next month's state assembly elections are Union ministers Rao Inderjit Singh and Krishan Pal Gurjar, Members of Parliament Dharambir Singh, Kiran Chaudhry and Naveen Jindal. Former MPs Kuldeep Bishnoi, Ramesh Kaushik, Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria are also demanding tickets for their kin. Former state minister Kartar Singh Bhadana is also lobbying for a ticket for his son. Similar demands are being made by Congress leaders. According to sources, the party's sitting MPs, Randeep Singh Surjewala and Jai Prakash and former Union minister Birender Singh are demanding tickets for their sons. The other prominent leaders who are seeking accommodation of their kin include Rao Dan Singh, who had unsuccessfully contested the recent Lok Sabha election from Bhiwani-Mahendragarh, Mahendra Pratap Singh, who lost the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Faridabad, and former assembly Speaker Kuldeep Sharma. All these leaders wield considerable influence in their respective areas. Sources said the two parties are likely to accommodate the request of most of these leaders to avoid a rebellion in the ranks in this crucial election.

BJP minority morcha forms 7-member panel to seek views on Waqf Bill

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID criticism of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill by major Muslim bodies, the BJP has decided to seek suggestions from the community on the proposed legislation, which is currently being deliberated upon by the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

The BJP's Minority Morcha has formed a seven-member team that includes some current chiefs of state units of Waqf Boards. Sources within the BJP said that its minority wing, headed by Jamal Siddiqui, will seek diverse viewpoints from the community as well as others about the proposed reforms in Waqf boards.

The initiative comes in response to criticism from various prominent Muslim organisations, including Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind and the All India Muslim Personal Law Board. They argue that the Bill undermines religious practices and contravenes the constitutional rights of Muslims.

Following demands by the Opposition, the Lok Sabha recently transferred the Bill to the JPC for further deliberation. The JPC is chaired by BJP MP Jagdambika Pal and includes 30 other MPs from both the Houses.

The seven-member team from the BJP Minority Morcha comprises Shadab Shams, chairman of the Uttarakhand Waqf Board; Sanawar Patel, chief of the MP Waqf Board; Chaudhary Zakir Hussain, administrator of the Haryana Waqf Board; Maulana Habib Haider and Nasir Hussain, national executive members of the BJP Minority Morcha; Rajbali, former chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Waqf Board; and Mohsin Lokhandwala, chairman of the Gujarat Waqf Board.

The team will interact with prominent figures of the community across the country and gather their suggestions.

With deadline set to wipe out Naxal menace, forces get monthly targets

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

WITH Union Home Minister Amit Shah fixing a deadline of 2026 to wipe out Naxal menace in the country, the security forces and the agencies have been given month-wise targets to meet the challenge, officials said on Sunday.

According to officials, in the coming months, the security forces would have an arduous task of launching the final assault on Left-Wing Extremists (LWE), as during this period, the troops have been asked to penetrate deep into Naxal areas.

"As the forces enter deep into the Naxal dens in different states, particularly in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, the forces have been instructed by their top brass to set up their camps and move further," a senior security officer said.

Given the recent call given by the Union Home Minister to wipe out Naxalism from the country, the directions have also been issued to the multiple agencies and forces to collaborate and establish temporary bases in the Bastar region to launch their final assault.

These directions were issued following a high-level security review meeting last week, where it was decided that the forces and the agencies' primary focus areas would be setting up camps, breaking the financial chain, and intensifying operations on the ground.

As per the target, a senior officer said, "The CRPF, the lead force engaged in combating Naxals, has been asked to set up more than 25 camps in the coming months, which will help the force to advance further to enter into the den of LWEs. One of the camps will serve as a base, and forces along with agencies will share information to operate effectively in the area."

Tight schedule

The Central Reserve Police Force, the lead force engaged in combating Naxals, has been asked to set up more than 25 camps in the coming months, which will help it advance further into the den of LWEs. One of the camps will serve as a base, and forces, along with agencies, will share information to operate effectively in the area.

The officials said that as the rainy season gets over by the end of September, the forces are gearing up to intensify their operations with a special focus on actionable intelligence inputs till next March, and after that, they will review the target achieved so far.

"Besides the security forces, probe agencies like the NIA has been asked to break the financial chain used by the LWE outfits, as there is proof that Naxals are still receiving funds both from inside the country and from overseas. The intent is to weaken their capability in organising their activities by buying sophisticated arms and ammunition," said the officer.

Ayodhya firing range 'unsafe' amid airport construction

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army's field firing range in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, has been rendered "unsafe" due to the construction of the Ayodhya airport, forcing the force to scout for land elsewhere.

A senior Army officer said, "In the case of Ayodhya range, we all know that a new airport has come up and this range is in the flight path of aircraft." It would become unsafe, he said, to continue utilising that range. In such cases, we seek alternative location and carry out firing drills."

"You are aware that the Army needs field firing ranges essentially to carry out trials of heavy weapons, including tanks and infantry Combat Vehicles (ICVs). We continue to use the ranges which are available. At the same time, the development of the country is also important," The source added.

Sources said the Indian Army is at an advanced stage of acquiring a field firing range in one of the northeastern states, bordering China after one of its firing ranges in Uttar Pradesh became unviable due to establishment of an airport in Ayodhya.

"In the forward area, we are in the process of acquiring certain field firing ranges, including one in one of the forward states of the eastern front. We are in the advanced stage of acquiring that range and such a range helps us keep running."

Representative image

Field firing ranges are crucial in training new Army personnel and making them battle-ready.

A controversy on the unpopulated 'Majha Jamthara' village erupted as it used to be notified for the Army Training buffer zone, but was de-notified in May this year. It is just next to the Ayodhya Army Cantonment, with the famed Dogra Regimental Centre also in the area. It was being used by the Army for firing and artillery practice.

The significance of the village rose with the newly constructed Ram temple being just 6-km from 'Majha Jamthara' village. There have been 14 villages notified, for the purpose of Army's training, as the "buffer zones" from August 2020 to July 2025.

Ayodhya Airport, officially named as Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham, is an international airport serving the twin cities of Ayodhya and Faizabad.

UP Governor Anandiben Patel had de-notified land marked as a 'buffer zone' for Army training in Ayodhya. The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) later said it would allow mapping in the area, publicly opening it up for construction and commercial use.

Tejinder Singh appointed new IAF deputy chief

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh took charge as the Indian Air Force's Deputy Chief of Air Staff at the headquarters Vayu Bhawan on Sunday. He replaces Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, who has been appointed as the new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Air Command. Singh, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, was commissioned in the IAF fighter stream on June 13, 1987. As the new deputy chief, he will be primarily deal with planning future procurements, managing current projects, and dealing with revenue and capital procurement.

4 women officers join Army's veterinary corps

In a first, the Indian Army commissioned four women officers in its Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) in May this year, sources said. "The women officers have been posted in some of the forward areas," sources said. The RVC officers and personnel have been serving at the grassroots level in the war-ravaged nations and insurgency-hit areas within the country. Their humanitarians programmes, including veterinary aid camps under Operation Sadbhavana in remote villages, have directly benefitted local population. The Corps is the source of specialised dogs, horses and mules used in the Army, Navy, Air Force, paramilitary forces, Police and CISF. It is also working on a project to train the bird of prey to check the increasing threat of drones. The RVC has been also involved in breeding of specialist horses for equestrian sports.

New MBBS syllabus shows lesbianism, sodomy as sexual offences, sparks row

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE MBBS students pursuing the course in the 2024 academic year will be taught that sodomy and lesbianism are unnatural sexual offences and transvestism is a sexual perversion along with fetishism, voyeurism, sadism, necrophagia, masochism, exhibitionism, frotteurism and necrophilia.

Proposed by the National Medical Council (NMC), the revised MBBS curriculum has sparked controversy, with activists arguing that it does not adequately safeguard the rights of individuals with disabilities and those who identify as LGBTQ.

Dr Satendra Singh, a prominent disability activist, has expressed his dismay with the revised guidelines, arguing that they have regressed the progress made in recent years towards the inclusion of people with disabilities and LGBTQ rights.

Speaking with this newspaper, Dr Singh, who is also a Director Professor of the Department of Physiology, University College of Medical Sciences and GTB Hospital, Delhi, said, "The MBBS curriculum for 2024 is a significant let down in social responsibility."

"With great difficulty and judicial advocacy, we succeeded in including disability and LGBTQ rights in the new competency-based medical education curriculum. However, the current revision has undone all of our hard work and the statutory provisions of disability and transgender legislation," he said, adding that the NMC has violated the Transgender Persons Protection Act 2019.

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"The future Indian medical graduate must be socially accountable, not someone trained in outdated and archaic concepts," Dr Singh said and highlighted the absence of healthcare professionals from the LGBTQIA+ community in the NMC committee addressing queer issues.

He also added that the NMC has suddenly removed the seven hours of disability competencies from the foundation course, which was heralded as a global best practice. This violates Section 39 (2)(f) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which mandates the inclusion of the rights of the disabled people in the curriculum of universities, colleges, and schools.

The NMC took note of LGBTQ rights only after reprimands from the Madras and Kerala high courts. Following the rap, NMC issued directives to all medical universities to refrain from endorsing materials containing unscientific, derogatory, or discriminatory content regarding the LGBTQ community.

However, activists said, the updated guidelines have failed to incorporate earlier suggestions to ensure the curriculum is inclusive and supports LGBTQ individuals.

Dr Singh has now submitted requests for information under the Right to Information Act, highlighting the need for transparency in the discussions and decision-making process behind the new guidelines.

Dr Aqsa Shaikh, Professor of Community Medicine at Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, said, "NMC had itself issued the new curriculum for forensic medicine and weeded out queerphobic content from the medical curriculum after being directed by Madras High Court."

"But in the latest edition of its guidelines, it still seems to be frozen in time in pre-377 abrogation era and calling sexual acts like anal and oral sex as unnatural sexual offences, and adultery a crime and transvestism as a fetish," said Dr Shaikh.

HEROIN CAPTURED

Assam Rifles personnel seized heroin and areca nuts worth ₹3.47 crore and apprehended three persons in three separate operations in Mizoram's Champhai district near the Myanmar border, a statement issued by the paramilitary force said on Sunday.

4 DIE BY SUICIDE IN A FAMILY IN CHHATTISGARH

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Bhopal	31	24	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	33	26	Patna	36	28
Amritsar	36	26	Lucknow	36	29
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	30	28
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	31	22
Srinagar	31	17	Chandigarh	35	25

T'wood, schools march in protest

Bengal on Boil: Aparna Sen in lead role amid concerns over lack of action in medico's case

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

FILM director Aparna Sen and other prominent personalities from the Bengali film industry on Sunday joined thousands of people in a massive rally demanding justice for a trainee doctor who was raped and murdered at the government-run RG Kar hospital last month.

While one demonstration was organised by the alumni of Ramakrishna Mission-run educational institutions, the other involved students and past pupils from a well-known convent school, both demanding justice for the victim.

The 'Mahamichhil' began from College Square. Sen was accompanied by fellow artistes such as Swastika Mukherjee, Sudipta Chakraborty, Chaiti Ghosal, Sohini Sarkar, and others.

They marched along Central Avenue. "We are walking on the road together, demanding justice. If needed, I will hit the road again," said Sen. "Common people have the right to demand answers and know the truth. The deep-rooted anguish comes from the bottom of our hearts. We have faith in judiciary; and we are hopeful about the investigation," Sen said.

Voicing her concern, Swastika Mukherjee said, "So many days have passed since the August 9 incident. After one arrest, we have not heard any further from the investigating agency." A junior doctors' forum, which has been protesting since the RG Kar incident, also joined the rally.

In south Kolkata, alumni of Ramakrishna Mission schools and other educational institutions marched from Golpark to Rabindra Sadan Exide Crossing carrying banners with the message 'Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya (lead me from darkness to light)', and demanded a fair investigation and the arrest of those involved.

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Meanwhile, CBI sources said that Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, was questioned why the hospital authorities misled the deceased's parents on the night of the incident as well as allowing the crime scene to remain unattended for at least 40 minutes.

Having analysed Ghosh's answers over a fortnight, the question still remains why he — the principal at that time — was not immediately informed about the death and why there was a delay of 30 minutes after the body was discovered.

Film actor Chaiti Ghoshal (centre), along with film director Aparna Sen (right), takes part in a protest march in Kolkata| EXPRESS

On-duty nurse molested by patient in Birbhum hospital

KOLKATA : A nurse at a government hospital in West Bengal's Birbhum district was allegedly molested and verbally abused by a male patient. "A man who came in with a high fever late on Saturday night tried to outrage the modesty of an on-duty nurse at Illambazar block hospital. The hospital authorities immediately informed the police who arrested him and sent him to Bolpur sub-divisional hospital for treatment," Birbhum Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Himadri Ari said. "The patient started abusing me as soon as he arrived," the nurse said, adding, "I ignored and started treating him, but suddenly he touched me inappropriately while I was administering saline."
Meanwhile, a lab technician has been arrested for allegedly molesting a minor girl at a state-run hospital in West Bengal's Howrah district, police said. The incident took place on Saturday evening at Howrah District Headquarters Hospital, where the 12-year-old girl was admitted last week, they said.

SI recruitment paper leak: Ex-Raj PSC member's son, daughter among 5 arrested

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

FIVE trainee sub-inspectors were arrested on Sunday by the Special Operations Group (SOG) for their alleged involvement in a paper leak incident of the Rajasthan SI recruitment exams held in 2021, officials said.

The arrested include the son and daughter of former Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) member Ramu Ram Raika. Raika's daughter, Shobha, secured the 5th rank, while his son, Devesh, got 40th rank. Raika served as an RPSC member from July 2018 to July 2022.

Other three trainees include Manju Devi, Avinash Palsania and Vijendra Kumar, an SOG statement said. All five accused were produced before a court from where they were sent to police remand till September 7, the statement said.

All five trainees were taken into custody from Rajasthan Police Academy (RPA) and brought to the SOG office for interrogation on Saturday. The SOG has so far arrested 42 selected trainee SIs and more than 30 others connected to the paper leak gang. Several other trainee SIs remain under the SOG's radar. The first arrest of a trainee SI related to this examination took place in April this year.

Ramu Ram Raika confirmed that his son and daughter had previously attempted the RAS recruitment exam in 2016, but were unsuccessful. He said that during the SI recruitment-2021, all commission rules were strictly adhered to. " However, if anyone is guilty, they should be punished severely," Raika said.

In the midst of the controversy, an old video of Raika from 2023 resurfaced, in which he is seen claiming in a meeting that during his tenure at the RPSC, he facilitated interviews for many people from his community.

On March 6, the SIT formed by the Bhajanlal Sharma government apprehended 14 trainee SIs from RPA. The SOG initiated action following an FSL probe into admit card photos, examination videography, and signatures on the attendance register. On April 2, another 15 trainee SIs were detained and brought to SOG headquarters. After interrogation, 11 trainee SIs were arrested on April 3.

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MLA razes foundation stone he laid 2 yrs ago

AAP MLA from Ludhiana West Gurpreet Bassi Gogi has become a favorite among the Opposition in Punjab after the ruling party legislator demolished the foundation stone of a pipeline project to be built as part of the Rs 650-crore Buddha Nullah rejuvenation. Gogi himself had laid the foundation stone in 2022. He lashed out saying the project has been marred by 'multiple delays'. Congress, BJP and Akali Dal leaders didn't miss the opportunity to take a jibe at the ruling party; senior Akali Dal leader Bikram Majithia praised Gogi for exposing the government while Amarinder Singh Raja Warring for his 'uncompromising stance.'

CM joins new guv in shrines' visit

In a rare gesture of bonhomie, Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann visited the Golden Temple and Durgiana Mandir and paid obeisance with their families. Mann welcomed the new governor, expressing hope that the state would benefit from his rich administrative experience. He envisioned both would work within their jurisdictions and ensure that Punjab witnesses holistic growth. Mann refused to respond to any political questions. This joint visit to the Golden Temple comes ahead of the monsoon session of the Assembly.

Bhajji writes to Union mins, West Bengal CM

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh has become 'suddenly active' recently, meeting both Union Health and Family Welfare minister JP Nadda and Union power and urban development minister Manohar Lal Khattar to discuss the expansion of health facilities at BBMB hospital in Talwara. Additionally, the former Indian cricketer wrote an open letter to the West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over the delay in justice for the Kolkata rape-murder victim. 'Bhajji' had remained low profile in the past, abstaining from taking part in AAP protests demanding the release of jailed party supremo Arvind Kejriwal.

Tejashwi dares Nitish to clear stand on quota

RAMASHANAKR @ Patna

RJD leader and former Bihar deputy chief minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Sunday challenged Janata Dal (United) leaders to clarify their stance on inclusion of reservation in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Addressing workers of the party while taking part in day-long sit-in agitation, Tejashwi said that Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) should tell people whether they are in favour of putting reservation in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution or not.

The 9th Schedule includes a list of state and central laws that can't be challenged in the court. RJD has been demanding nation-wide caste census and inclusion of Bihar's 65% reservation increase in the 9th Schedule to give benefits to deprived sections of the society. He alleged BJP leaders were celebrating when Bihar was denied special category status.

BJP leaders criticised RJD's agitation saying it was nothing but a political drama. "Why did they (RJD) not ensure reservation in Panchayats when they were in power?," Deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha said.

Two killed, 6 injured as Manipur militants open fire, use drone bombs

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TWO persons were killed, and six others, including a journalist, were injured in Manipur on Sunday when suspected militants fired indiscriminately and carried out "drone bombing". The violence broke out around 2:30 pm at Koutruk in the Meitei-majority Imphal West district. A woman and a villager (male), both from the Meitei community, lost their lives. The woman, identified as Angom Surbala (31), succumbed to head injuries.

Surbala, a resident of Phayeng in the Imphal West district, was visiting her parental home with her 11-year-old daughter— the minor sustained injuries in her right hand. Journalist Elangbam Mushuk of a local news channel, also sustained injuries. The locals claimed the militants had dropped bombs from drone. People ran for cover after a man was heard saying "drone bombing has started".

Personnel of Manipur Rifles and India Reserve Battalion retaliated. When reports last came in, an exchange of gunfire was continuing.

In an "alert message", Director General of Police Rajiv Singh directed the superintendents of police of all districts to remain on maximum alert, especially in the fringe areas.

In a statement, the state government said it learnt about the attack on unarmed villagers, perpetrated "reportedly by Kuki militants using drone, bombs and many sophisticated weapons".

"Such an act of terrorising the unarmed villagers is viewed very seriously by the state government when it is putting all possible efforts towards bringing normalcy and peace in the state," the statement said. The authorities enforced prohibitory orders under section 163 in the Imphal West district.

Shivaji statue row: Oppn says PM apology sign of arrogance

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray and NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar on Sunday led a march of Maha Vikas Aghadi from the iconic Hutatma Chowk to Gateway of India in south Mumbai to protest the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district.

They lashed out at the Union and state governments for the collapse, with Thackeray calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's apology as one "smacking of arrogance", while Pawar said the episode was an example of corruption.

Addressing a gathering at Gateway of India, Thackeray said, "Did you notice the arrogance in the (PM Narendra Modi's) apology? It smacked of arrogance. One deputy chief minister was smiling. The mistake (collapse) cannot be forgiven. We have all gathered here to demand 'BJP get out of India'."

During his address in Palghar on Friday, PM Modi had said Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is not just a name or a king but a deity. "Today, I bow my head at his feet and apologise to my deity," he had said. Sharad Pawar, walking with Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Congress Lok Sabha MP, said chief minister Eknath Shinde claimed that Shivaji Maharaj's statue collapsed due to the wind, but at Gateway of India, the 17th century warrior king's statue is standing tall for last 50 years.

"The collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Sindhudurg is an example of corruption. It is an insult to all Shiv premis (followers of the warrior king). People will not forgive this act of the ruling party," Pawar said.

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole said, "Much before the PM, the opposition had sought forgiveness from the emperor for allowing such a 'Shiv drohi' (those betraying the principles of Chhatrapati Shivaji) government to come to power. We have taken a pledge to never let it happen again."

Collapse an example of corruption: Sr Pawar

MVA lashed out at the Union and state governments for the collapse, with Pawar stating that the episode was an example of corruption. "The collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Sindhudurg is an example of corruption. It is an insult to all Shiv premis (followers of the warrior king). People will not forgive this act," he said

Murder accused found hanging in police custody in MP's Morena

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A 31-year-old scheduled caste man taken into custody on Saturday for allegedly murdering his brother-in-law eight months back was found hanging to death inside the lock-up of the Civil Lines police station in Madhya Pradesh's Morena district on Sunday.

Balkrishna Jatav alias Sunny was found hanging from a cloth tied to a window inside the police station's lock-up at around 5.30 am, senior administrative and police officials said in Morena district.

Hailing from the neighbouring Gwalior district, Sunny was arrested on Saturday for allegedly killing brother-in-law Ashok Jatav near Savitapur canal in Morena district eight months ago. After sustained investigations into the December 2023 killing, the police had taken Sunny into custody for the killing. Sunny has reportedly been accused in 4-5 other cases also in the past.

Family cries foul

The deceased man's brother, alleged that contrary to the police's statements, the victim was taken into custody on Saturday. The cops had picked up Sunny for questioning four days ago and were demanding ₹4 lakh for letting him go. ₹1.10 lakh was paid to one of the cops, victim's brother alleged.

Coming to know about Sunny's death in police custody, SP of Morena district Samir Saurabh rushed to the Civil Lines police station and immediately placed the police station's incharge, a head constable and a constable under suspension, additional SP (ASP) Arvind Thakur said.

According to Morena district police higher-ups, Sunny prima facie died by suicide.

With the deceased man's family and others gathering outside the police station, heavy police were deployed to avert any volatile situation.

The deceased man's kin, including his elder brother Kallu alleged that contrary to the police's statements that his brother was taken into custody on Saturday, the cops had actually picked up Sunny for questioning four days ago and were demanding ₹4 lakh for allowing him to go free in the matter. Out of that ₹1.10 lakh was paid to one of the cops by maternal uncle, Sunny's brother alleged.

Meanwhile, the state Congress chief Jitu Patwari, who reportedly talked to the family members of the deceased over phone, shared over social media a video of Sunny's kin making damning allegations against the police.

Patwari in a post on X wrote, "Is being a Dalit a crime in MP? After Katni district, people of scheduled castes are being targeted by police in Morena! Why is the police in MP, killing Dalits in police stations? If action isn't taken as per law, I'll go to Morena and fast unto death."

'Race' for govt jobs in J'khand: 11 youths die in 9 days

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

ELEVEN youths have lost their lives while running for the recruitment drive and taking the physical tests for the excise constable post in Jharkhand since August 22, police said on Sunday.

According to the Jharkhand police, 1, 27,772 candidates participated untill August 30, of whom 78,023 candidates, including 21,582 women, were declared qualified.

The recruitment drive, which got underway on August 22, will conclude on September 3. Doctors suspect that some candidates might have used stimulant drugs or energy drinks to enhance their performance, which could have led to suffocation or cardiac arrests.

Extreme heat and prolonged standing in line have also been cited as contributing factors to these incidents. Notably, the aspirants were made to run 10 km in the scorching heat, which proved fatal for them. More than 100 other candidates also fainted and were admitted to hospitals while running for the recruitment drive and taking the physical tests.

As per the Jharkhand police headquarters, physical tests are being conducted at seven locations all over the state. Unfortunately, some of the aspirants died during the physical test, following which UD cases have been lodged, and efforts are on to ascertain the exact reasons for their deaths.

"During the process of recruitment a total of 11 candidates have lost their lives, which includes one at Ranchi, two at Giridih, two at Hazaribagh, four in Palamu, 1 each at Musabani and Sahibganj," said IG (Operations) and Jharkhand Police Spokesperson AV Homkar. Reasons for their deaths are yet to be ascertained, and further action is being taken after lodging UD cases in these regards, he added.

Meanwhile, adequate arrangements, including medical teams, medicines, ambulances, and drinking water, are being ensured at all centres, and a decision has been taken to conduct the race at 4.30 in the morning instead of making the candidates run in the afternoon. Reacting to the incidents, the BJP cornered the Hemant Soren government and questioned whether the government is distributing jobs or death among the candidates.

"Due to the mismanagement and stubbornness of the Hemant Soren government, the race of excise constable recruitment process has now become a 'race of death'.

In this 'race of death', 10 unemployed youths of the state have died untimely," wrote state BJP president Babulal Marandi on his social media account X. He added that candidates are being made to stand in queues from midnight and run in the scorching Sun the next day.

Marandi also alleged that adequate arrangements for health facilities are yet to be made at the recruitment centres. The state government has not made adequate arrangements for resources even on the route selected for the race, he said.

"Hemant ji was not satisfied even after keeping the youth unemployed for four- and-a-half years, and now, he is hell-bent on taking the lives of the youth," said Marandi. The government should immediately provide compensation and jobs to the dependents of the deceased youths and order a judicial inquiry into this matter, he added.

9 killed
After a cargo truck crashed into a bar in Dominican Republic

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	31	21	SNY	Los Angeles	28	18	LC
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	18	12	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	28	16	HR
Dubai	41	31	SNY	New York	31	21	SNY
Houston	35	26	TDS	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	32	23	LC	Toronto	25	19	LC
London	21	14	LC	Washington	32	20	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Six hostages found dead in Gaza, Bibi under pressure to end conflict

Israel's trade union calls for a general strike today to pressure govt

JERUSALEM

GRIEVING and angry Israelis surged into the streets on Sunday night after six more hostages were found dead in Gaza, chanting "Now! Now!" as they demanded that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reach a ceasefire with Hamas to bring the remaining captives home.

Israel's largest trade union, the Histadrut, also pressured the government by calling a general strike for Monday. The strike aims to shut down or disrupt major sectors of the economy, including banking, health care and the country's main airport. Tens of thousands of Israelis were expected to protest. Many blame Netanyahu for failing to reach a ceasefire. Negotiations have dragged on for months.

Israel's army has acknowledged the difficulty of rescuing dozens of remaining hostages and said a deal is the only way to bring a large-scale return.

The military said all six hostages were killed shortly before Israeli forces arrived. Netanyahu blamed the Hamas militant group for the stalled negotiations, saying "whoever murders hostages doesn't want a deal."

Militants seized Israeli-American Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, and four other hostages at a music festival in southern Israel. The native of Berkeley, California, lost part of his left arm to a grenade in the attack. In April, a Hamas-issued video showed him alive, sparking new protests in Israel.

Jewish people on Saturday protest in Tel Aviv against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government | AP

The army said the bodies were recovered from a tunnel in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, around a kilometer from where another hostage was rescued alive last week.

Hamas has offered to release the hostages in return for an end to the war, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the release of a large number of Palestinian prisoners, including high-profile militants.

Izzat al-Rishq, a senior Hamas official, said the hostages would still be alive if Israel had accepted a US-backed ceasefire proposal that Hamas said it had agreed to in July.

Biden on Sunday said he was "devastated and outraged." The White House said he spoke with Goldberg-Polin's parents and offered condolences.

Some 250 hostages were taken on Oct. 7. Israel now believes 101 remain in captivity, including 35 who are thought to be dead. More than 100 were freed during a ceasefire in November in exchange for the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Eight have been rescued by Israeli forces. Israeli troops mistakenly killed three Israelis who escaped captivity in December.

AP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 331

TOLL SO FAR
42,494

Three Israeli police officers killed

Palestinian militants killed three Israeli police officers on Sunday when they opened fire on a vehicle in the occupied West Bank, where Israel has carried out large-scale raids in recent days. The attack took place along a road in the southern West Bank. The raids have mainly been focused on urban refugee camps in the northern part of the territory, where Israeli forces have traded fire with militants on a near-daily basis since the outbreak of the war in Gaza

Russia thwarts massive drone strike overnight by Kyiv army

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN air defences intercepted and destroyed 158 Ukrainian drones overnight, including two over Moscow and nine over the surrounding region, the Defence Ministry said on Sunday.

Forty-six of the drones were over the Kursk region, where Ukraine has sent its forces in recent weeks in the largest incursion on Russian soil since World War II. A further 34 were shot over the Bryansk region, 28 over the Voronezh region, and 14 over the Belgorod region—all of which border Ukraine.

Drones were also shot down deeper into Russia, including one each in the Tver region, northwest of Moscow, and the Ivanovo region, northeast of the Russian capital. Russia's Defence Ministry said drones were intercepted over 15 regions, while one other governor said a drone was shot down over his region, too.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said that falling debris from one of the two drones shot down over the city caused a fire at an oil refinery.

Firefighters extinguish burning cars in the courtyard of an apartment building after a missile attack by Ukraine on the city of Belgorod | AP

Ukrainian drone strikes have brought the fight far from the front line into the heart of Russia. Since the beginning of the year, Ukraine has stepped up aerial assaults on Russian soil, targeting refineries and oil terminals to slow down the Kremlin's assault.

Also in Russia, regional Gov Vyacheslav Gladkov said 11 people were wounded in Ukrainian aerial missile attacks in the Russian border region of Belgorod on Sunday. These included eight in the regional capital, also called Belgorod.

Meanwhile, Russia's Defence Ministry said on Sunday it had taken control of the towns of Pivnichne and Vyimka, in Ukraine's Donetsk region. Russian forces have been driving deeper into eastern region. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Exit polls project win for Germany's far-right AfD

Erfurt: Germany's far-right AfD won a landmark first regional vote on Sunday in the former East German state of Thuringia, exit polls showed, in a blow to Chancellor Olaf Scholz ahead of national elections in 2025. The AfD took between 30.5 and 33.5% of the vote in Thuringia, according to exit polls, with the conservative CDU in second place at around 24.5%. The AfD was also neck-and-neck with the CDU for first place in the neighbouring state of Saxony, which also held a regional election on Sunday, the polls showed. The AfD is unlikely to come to power in either state because other parties have ruled out working with the far right to form a government. But the result is still a political earthquake as it would represent the first time in Germany's post-WW II history that a far-right party has won a state election.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to General public is hereby given that my clients Sri. Medapati Srinivas Reddy, aged about 34 years, son of Medapati Venkata Satyanarayana Reddy and Smt. Deepa.S, aged about 34 years, wife Medapati Srininvas Reddy, both are residing No.4, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Yeranapalya, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-16, my client lost the Original Deed of Declaration, registered Document No. KCH-1-05716-2023-24, [Book-1], in the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Kacharakanahalli), Bangalore, if any body found the said document, please contact below mentioned address.

Sri. Medapati Srinivas Reddy,
S/o Medapati Venkata Satyanarayana Reddy and **Smt. Deepa.S** W/o Medapati Srinivas Reddy, No.4, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Yeranapalya, Ramamurthy Nagar Bangalore-16.
Mob No. 8919103639
Or
V.R.K. Sudhir, Advocate
MS Law Chambers
No. 190/2B, Subbaiahpalya
Bangalore-560 033. Mob. 9035994113
Date : 31.08.2024

Robot waiters in The Silicone Savanna attract curious customers to cafe

NAIROBI

CHILDREN giggle as young people flash their smartphones to film robots carrying plates of freshly prepared meals on their inbuilt trays to deliver to diners in a busy eatery in Kenya's capital.

Nairobi has a vibrant tech industry with various startups and innovations in operation and has positioned itself as a tech hub in the East African region bearing the nickname *The Silicone Savanna*.

This is the Robot Cafe, believed to be the first of its kind in Nairobi and East Africa, where three robots glide among human waiters serving food to mesmerised customers.

These preprogrammed robots were acquired for entertainment. Cafe owner Mohammed Abbas said he experienced robot service in Asian and European countries and decided to invest in them.

"It was very expensive to import the robots," he said, but added that the investment has borne fruit, because the restaurant is "often busy with curious customers" who come to experience robot service.

One customer, Packson Chege, picks up a plate of fries from the robot tray as his friend films the experience across the table. "I can say it is something unique because here in our country Kenya, I have never seen a restaurant like this one so I think for me, it is a good idea from the owner of this restaurant," he said.

The three robots, which are named Claire, R24 and Nadia, aren't programmed to have a full conversation with customers, but they can say "Your order is ready, Welcome" and then people have to press an exit button after picking up their food from the tray. They are commanded by waiters through an application on an iPad. Human waiters are still important in the operations of the cafe, because they take orders from customers who don't use the online ordering option. The waiters then place the food on the robot tray when it's ready and deliver drinks in person.

The technology is predicted to disrupt the future workforce globally, and especially in Africa, where there is a youthful population with a median age of 19 years.

AP

Robotic waiter Claire delivers an order to customers at a cafe in Nairobi | AP

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-02)
O.S.No.1839/2024

Between: Sri Bharath Dayanand, S/o. Sri. B.V.Dayanand, Aged about 31 years, R/at No.4 & 23, 5th Main, 1st Avenue, Shubh Enclave Layout, Bengaluru-560102. ...**Plaintiff**

And: Sri R. Srinivasan and Others. Defendants

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT NO's.1 TO 4 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (i-a) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE; 1908

1. Sri. R. Srinivasan, Aged about 63 years, S/o. Sri. S.R. Pillai, R/at.No.137, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main, N.S. Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560076. **2. Sri R. Sudarshan,** Aged about 61 years, S/o. Sri. S.R. Pillai, R/at.No.99, Bilekalli, 6th Cross, Dollars Colony, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560076. **3. Smt. R. Premalatha,** Aged about 66 years, W/o. Mr. B. Radhakrishna, R/at.No.41, Classic Orchids, Phase-1, B.G.Road, Bengaluru-560076. **4. Sri. B. Radhakrishna,** H/o.Smt. R.Premalatha, R/at.No.41, Classic Orchids, Phase-1, B.G.Road, Bengaluru-560076.

Whereas, the Plaintiff above named has filed the above Suit against Defendant's to pay a sum of Rs.8,00,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crore only) along with interest at the rate of 18% from the date of the suit till date of payment and for direction to defendant's to pay the plaintiff a sum of Rs.4,08,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Eight Lakh Only) being the interest from April 2021 to till February 2024 along with interest thereon at the rate of 18% per annum from the date of the suit till date of payment and such other reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to attend this Hon'ble Court (CCH-2) on the **15 day of October 2024** at **11.00 A.M.** to defend the suit and in default of your appearances on the day specified, the above suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court this 31st day of August 2024, at Bengaluru.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocates for Plaintiff:
A.M. Suresh Reddy, G.V. Shashi Kumar,
No.27, 9th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560 027.

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001
Complaint No. 529/2019

Complainant : 1. Sri. Sharath Y P S/o Puttaswamy, Aged about 37 years, # 226, 10th Main, RHCS Layout, 2nd Stage, A Block Narasapura, Srigandadakavalu, Bangalore-560091.
(By Shri/Smt. H.N. Shashidhara)

Opposite Parties : 1. Aadya Motors, Ebony Automobiles Private Limited, No.30/3, Rashid Nagar Main Road, Near Arabic College, Opp. Zam Zam Shadhi Mahal, Bangalore-560045.
2. Aadya Motors, Ebony Automobiles Pvt. Ltd., No.9, BEL Air Drive, Mekhri Circle, Bellary Road, Bangalore-560032.
3. Aasya Motors, Ebony Automobiles Pvt. Ltd., Survey No.56, Opp. Lumbini Garden, Ring Road, Nagawara, Bangalore-560045.
4. FCA India Automobiles Private Limited., 1601 (III), 16th Floor, B Wing, The Capital, Plot # C-70, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051.
To,
01. Aadya Motors, Ebony Automobiles Private Limited. No.30/3, Rashid Nagar Main Road, Near Arabic College, Opp. Zam Zam Shadhi Mahal, Bangalore-560045.
02. Aadya Motors, Ebony Automobiles Pvt. Ltd., No.9, BEL Air Drive, Mekhri Circle, Bellary Road, Bangalore-560032.
04. FCA India Automobiles Private Limited. 1601 (III), 16th Floor, B Wing, The Capital, Plot # C-70, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051.

NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PARTYS No. 01, 02 & 04 FOR HEARING OF COMPLAINT IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER "INDIAN EXPRESS"

Whereas the complainant has filed the complaint against Opposite Partys No. 01, 02 & 04, under section 17 of the Consumer Protection Act claiming reliefes. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Complaint **on 21st Day of September Two Thousand and Twenty Four (21/09/2024) at 11.00 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above complaint will be heard and determined in your absence as per law.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 01st day of August Two Thousand and Twenty Four (01/08/2024).

By Order of the Commission,
Asst. Registrar Cum Asst. ADMN. Officer, K.S.C.D.R.C, Bangalore-560001.
Advocate for Complaint :

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. Srinivas .K,** S/o Sri. Krishnappa, residing at No.30, 2nd Cross, Ayyappa Garden, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560 030, has lost/misplaced the original sale deed pertaining to Dry Land bearing Sy. No. 108/P11, measuring an extent of 1 Acre, situated at Thindlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, having acquired the same under a registered Sale Deed dated: 19-10-2006, registered as Document No. ANK-1-23975/2006-07, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. ANKD 168, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal and land bearing Old Sy. No. 108/P7, New Sy. No. 217, measuring 0-13 Guntas, situated at Thindlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, having acquired the same under a registered Sale Deed dated: 22-09-2008, registered as Document No. SRJ-1-01081/2008-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. SRJD 19, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Sarjapura, Anekal Taluk. He lost the Original Sale Deeds dated: 19-10-2006 and Sale Deed dated: 22-09-2008 while he travelling in Bus in spite of his best efforts the above said original documents so far have not been traced out, in this regard my client has lodged a two police complaints through Online on 31-08-2024, but the same is not traced out so far. If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned documents or finds the same, they shall communicate/contact me with original Sale Deeds and handed over the same to me.

SRI RAGHUNATH, Advocate
No.46, G.B. Market, Susheela Road, Chikkamavalli, Near Lal Bagh West Gate, Bengaluru-560 004. Mob: 98805 20780.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SUBORDINATE JUDGE AT KALLAKURICHI
OS.862/2022

Chinnasamy S/o. Ramasamy,
Vadathorasalur Village, Kallakurichi Taluk, Kallakurichi District ... Plaintiff

-Vs-

1. **Saraswathi D/o. Pichan,** No.2, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross Street, 4th Block, KSCP Residence, Lakshmidevi Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore Town, Karnataka State.
2. **Chandhirambal @ Chandhira D/o. Pichan, W/o. Ganesan,** No.369, Ambethkar Nagar, Kumbalakodu, Kabalammapalaiya, Bangalore South, Bangalore Town, Karnataka State.

... 7, 10 Respondents

SUMMON

Whereas the Plaintiff above mentioned has filed the above Dedaration and Permanant Injunction suit for the claim of the suit property. Summon is hereby given to them that the hearing of the Suit is Posted on hearing date : **25.09.2024.**

Take Summon that they should present either in person or through counsel on **25.09.2024, before the Hon'ble Additional Subordinate Judge, Kallakurichi at 10.00 a.m.** when the matter is called, otherwise the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

V.SHANMUGAM, B.Sc.,B.L., & V.PACHAMUTHU, B.A.,B.L., ADVOCATES, KALLAKURICHI-606202.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Miner Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-2/2024-25/950
Date : 30.08.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head for Account 4702 Nabard -29** works in Ballari Dist siruguppa taluk for 1 work in Two Cover System **Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.89.47 lakhs** the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from **date : 30.08.2024 to 09.09.2024 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 11.09.2024 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 17.09.2024 at 11.00 hours.** Any other information should get by login the **"KPPP"** website http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I.&G.W.D.Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/406/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, the General Public notice **Smt. Vinithasamarth., W/o Samarth.B.S,** No.29, 1st floor, 9th Main Road, near Muneshwara Temple Road, J.C.Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore- 560086 do here by issuing this public notice that, he has contractual obligations with respect to the schedule property with **Ravindra C.N,** hence public are cautioning not to enter into any agreements/contracts /conveyance /JD with respect to schedule property and civil suits Misc.No.8/2024 and O.S.No.1/2023 are pending before the courts with respect to schedule property, he has also filed objections/reply to the public notice dated 29.08.2024 published in THE TIMES OF INDIA English News paper Bangalore Edition.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of non agricultural land bearing Sy.Nos. 89/1 (00acre 10 guntas), 89/3 (03 acres 29 guntas) (formerly part of Sy.No.89/1), 90/1 (00 acre 12 guntas), 90/3 (04 acres 25 guntas) (formerly part of Sy.No.90/1), 91 (03 acres 22 guntas), 92 (04 acres 12 guntas), 93/2 (01 acre 09 guntas), 109/1 (01 acre 34 guntas) & 109/2 (02 acres 28 guntas) all admeasuring **22 acres 21 guntas** situated at **Doddachimanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

East by : **Tank (Sy.No.81) Sy. Nos: 108/1, 109/4, 110/1, 110/3, 110/4, 110/5 & 110/7**
West by : **Adarsha College Road and Sy.No.s 93/1 & 94**
North by : **Sy.Nos 93/1, 94, 95, 96, 101, 102 & 103**
South by : **Village Road, Tank, (Sy.No.81) Sy.No.83/1, 83/2, 83/3, 83/4, 84, 86 and Sy.No.s 89/2, 90/2, 93/1, 109/3 & 109/4**

K C CHANDRASHEKARAREDDY, Advocate
Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064. M : 98865 39299
Bangalore Date : 01-09-2024

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಿಳಿಯ ಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್. ಮದನ್ ಗೋಪಾಲ್, ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ಮನೆ ನಂ. 171, 6ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಟೀಚರ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಬಿಎಸ್‌ಕೆ. 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560070 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06.06.1969 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 671/69-70 ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 230-233, ಸಂಪುಟ 801, ಬುಕ್-1, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ ಉಪ-ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.03.2024 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ರಿಂದ 27.3.2024 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 8.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಬನಶಂಕರಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.03.2024 ರಂದು ಕಳೆದುಹೋದ ವಸ್ತುಗಳ ದಾಖಲೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬನಶಂಕರಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದೂರನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.03.2024 ರಂದು ಕಳೆದು ಹೋದ ವಸ್ತುಗಳ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ವರದಿ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. 0995174/2024 ರ ಮೂಲಕ ದೂರನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ವರದಿ ನಂ. 0995174/2024 ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಶುದ್ಧಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ನನ್ನ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ದುರುಪಯೋಗಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಹೊಣೆಗಾರರಲ್ಲ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀವುಗಳೇ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಹಳೆ 28ನೇ ಡಿವಿಜನ್, ಬುರುಗಲ್ ಮಠದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಉತ್ತರ ಭಾಗ, ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಪುರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ 645/13 ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:- **ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ** : ಅಂಜನೇಯಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಜಮೀನು, **ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ** : ಸಿ.ಜಿ. ರತ್ನಂಶೆಟ್ಟರ ಮನೆ, **ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ**: ಬಾಲಸುಬ್ರಮಣ್ಯಂ ರವರ ಮನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅನುಸೂಯಮ್ಮನವರ ಮನೆ ಮತ್ತು **ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ** : ರಾಜಸೂರಯ್ಯ ಶೆಟ್ಟರ ಮನೆ. ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ 30 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ 40 ಅಡಿ ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಳತೆಯಿರುವ ಸೈಟು ಜಾಗ ಮತ್ತು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಗ್ರೌಂಡ್ ಫ್ಲೋರ್ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಮತ್ತು ಪೂರ್ವದ ಕಡೆಯಿರುವ 11 x 87 ಅಡಿಯಿರುವ ಕಿರುಗಾಡುವ ಬಹುತ್ತದ ಪ್ಯಾಸೇಜು ಸೇರಿರುತ್ತೆ.

ಎಸ್. ರಮೇಶ, ವಕೀಲರು
ಮನೆ ನಂ. 17/2, 2ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಶಂಕರಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560004. ಮೊ.ನಂ. 9448067863

IN THE COURT OF THE XL ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-41)
P & S.C No. 467/2024

Between: 1. Smt Soumya Ravi, D/o Sri late B.S JaiParameshwar, W/o Sri. P Ravi, aged about 54 years, Resident of No.15, 14th Main Road, MC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560040, **2. Smt. Kavyashree Mallesh,** D/o Sri late B.S JaiParameshwar, W/o Sri Mallesh K.V, aged about 53 years, Resident of No.27, 2nd Main Road, Binny Layout, 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560 040, **3. Smt. Mamatha B.J,** D/o Sri late B.S JaiParameshwar, W/o Sri. Sreekantaswamy KM, aged about 52 years, Resident of Kothathi, Mandya- 571402, **4. Smt. Deepa .S Goud,** D/o Sri Late B.S JaiParameshwar, W/o Sri Sanjay Goud, aged about 48 years, Resident of No.6, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, 2nd Byrasandra Pvt Layout, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bengaluru- 560 040 ...**Petitioner**

And: -NIL- Respondent/s

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners above-named have filed above Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking for grant of Succession Certificate exclusively in their favour in respect schedule amount payable to the estate in the name of the Sri late B S JaiParameshwar who passed away on 28/08/2021.

Those having any manner of objections for the grant of the relief claimed in the Petition, are hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the next date of hearing i.e., **30/09/2024** at **11:00 AM** either in person or through pleader and submit their objections in writing along with supporting documents, if any, failing which the matter will be heard and decide by the Hon'ble Court in your absence.

SCHEDULE

Arrears of lifetime pension of Rs.21,37,346/- payable by the District Treasury, Bengaluru City from 01/01/2016 to 28/08/2021 to the estate of late Sri B.S JaiParameshwar, Retired District & Sessions Judge, Karnataka Judiciary (Holder of PPO No.15248NJ184923).

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, on this 31-08-2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioners: **A.M. Vijay**
No.225, Ground Floor, Domlur Layout Near Bank of Baroda, Bengaluru- 560 071.

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Friday 13-09-2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.'

Anekal 080-27830505 **FEDGL0088**0005030 **Arakalgud** 08175-220780 **FEDGL0036**0012413, 0012433, 0012436, 0012465, 0012467, 0012476, 0012482, 0012483, 0012495 **Arasikere** 08174-299941 **FEDGL0414**0005414, 0005345, 0003703, 0003762, 0003786, 0005239, 0005413, 0005422 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0017699, 0017622, 0017759, 0017757, 0017628, 0017668, 0017767, 0013849, 0014650, 0017357, 0017627, 0017667, 0017756, 0017758, 0017766, 0017358, 0017434, 0017761, 0017848, 0018024 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 080 41900282 **FEDGL0011**0012815, 0011775, 0011927 **BELGAUM** 0831 4201487 **FEDGL0136**0007619, 0007620, 0006134, 0006141, 0006144, 0006646, 0006694 **BELUR** 08177 222100 **FEDGL0159**0012244, 0012245, 0010764, 0010765, 0010769, 0010771, 0011975, 0012223 **BTM LAYOUT** 080-41312231 **FEDGL0003**0006579, 0006582, 0006603, 0006611 **BYADGI** 8375229022 **FEDGL0051**0011373, 0011374, 0011378, 0011382, 0011393, 0011398, 0011413, 0011419, 0011436, 0011437, 0011449 **Caltex Circle** 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Kote** 08228-297033 **FEDGL0058**0011342, 0009421, 0010666 **Hagaribommanhalli** 08397-239003 **FEDGL0100**0012465, 0012464, 0010189, 0010197, 0010198, 0010201, 0010242, 0010251, 0010263, 0010267, 0010279, 0010293, 0010294, 0012496, 0011796, 0012457, 0012043 **HANSUR** 08222 250114 **FEDGL0162**0017121, 0017133, 0017167 **Harappanahalli** 8398281429 **FEDGL0104**0009819, 0009848 **HARIHAR** 08192-242865 **FEDGL0022**0014398, 0014427, 0014447, 0014449, 0014450 **HASSAN MARKET** 08172 235324 **FEDGL0157**0013485, 0013502, 0013509 **HAVERI** 8375232810 **FEDGL0181**0012362, 0012381, 0010945, 0011002, 0012415, 0011736, 0011737 **HENNUR** 080-41979377 **FEDGL0015**0005540, 0005525 **Holenarsipura** 08175-273733 **FEDGL0059**0021778, 0021785, 0021819, 0021832, 0021860, 0021889, 0021905, 0021913, 0021922 **HOSA ROAD** 080-257444811 **FEDGL0002**0015616, 0015619, 0015618, 0013318, 0014728, 0014893, 0014916, 0015414 **Hosadurga** 8199200023 **FEDGL0412**0004622, 0004626, 0004632, 0004685, 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**FEDGL0365**0005333, 0005376 **Malebennur** 08192-299566 **FEDGL0062**0011617, 0011622, 0011625, 0011635, 0011643, 0011644, 0011656 **MANDIMOHALLA** 8214264270 **FEDGL0174**0009791, 0010254 **MANDYA** 08232 239585 **FEDGL0163**0008402, 0009448 **Mundargi** 08371-295011 **FEDGL0064**0008770, 0008773, 0008781, 0008789, 0008818, 0008828, 0008856, 0008865, 0008867, 0008869 **Nagarbhavi** 8023356022 **FEDGL0031**0007133, 0005969, 0006763, 0007035 **NANJANGODE** 08221 223326 **FEDGL0160**0014100, 0014135, 0014168, 0014173 **Nelamangala** 08029911005 **FEDGL0392**0003941, 0003940 **Pavagada** 08136-295608 **FEDGL0377**0011202, 0011197, 0011214, 0011213, 0008310, 0008313, 0008319, 0008328, 0008349, 0008379, 0008381, 0008386, 0008398, 0008407, 0008416, 0009268, 0010673, 0010712, 0010915, 0011102, 0010996 **Periapatna** 08223-297589 **FEDGL0044**0008890, 0008946 **RAMANAGARA** 080 27275627 **FEDGL0180**0026019, 0026040, 0023354, 0023372, 0023394, 0023408, 0023427, 0023446, 0023456, 0023458, 0023475, 0023476, 0023479, 0023486, 0026039, **FEDDS0180**0000176, 0000283, **FEDBD0180**0000065, 0000066 **RAMASWAMY CIRCLE** 8214253754 **FEDGL0173**0007317, 0007318, 0007337 **RANEBENNUR** 08373 -297397 **FEDGL0232**0010971, 0010987, 0010988, 0011000, 0011001, 0011005, 0011007, 0011023, 0011037, 0011038, 0011493, 0012466 **SHIMOGA** 081 23115765 **FEDGL0183**0012552, 0010952, 0010953, 0010959, 0012658, 0012062 **Sindhanur** 08535-200110, 8880890891 **FEDGL0461**0002751, 0002759 **Sira** 08135-295620 **FEDGL0376**0011734, 0011892, 0008266, 0008268, 0008272, 0008298, 0008306, 0008315, 0008337, 0008338, 0008351, 0008356, 0008367, 0008368, 0008372, 0008385, 0011665, 0011890 **SIRSI** 08384-223365 **FEDGL0193**0007519, 0007520, 0007526, 0007538, 0007541, 0007548, 0007550 **Srinivasa Nagar** 080-26693369 **FEDGL0089**0004513 **Tarikere** 08261-200233 **FEDGL0415**0003109, 0003114, 0003123, 0003150, 0003154, 0003157, 0003163 **Tiptur** 8134252402 **FEDGL0047**0009230, 0009269, 0009270 **Turuvekere** 8139295735 **FEDGL0386**0005204, 0005242 **Yeshwantpur** 8041225684 **FEDGL0034**0005620, 0005621, 0005622, 0005623

Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 12-09-2024 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 02-09-2024 **For, sd/- Authorised Signatory**
Place : Karnataka **Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,**

₹7,320 CR have been infused by FPIs in Indian equities in Aug.

Key financial changes that can impact your wallet from Sept

Customers planning to lock in money for higher returns should check their banks' Fixed Deposit schemes and also look at card transaction terms for more offers

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SEVERAL personal finance related changes are due from September on the banking and financial services fronts which, if not handled judiciously, can negatively surprise you by hurting your wallets. These changes vary from choosing your own debit/credit card network to lower rewards points on certain credit cards transactions to lower minimum due payments on credit cards that will only add to interest burden on your purchase and to paying ₹50 for Aadhaar updates, among others. The month will also see many banks closing their special deposit schemes, so it is time to lock your money for higher returns.

Higher yielding FD

September is the last month to lock in for attractive interest rates for special fixed deposit (FD) schemes for most banks. High credit demand and lower deposit mobilisation have been worrying the lender as they lead to asset-liability mismatches. It can be noted that since last December, several banks introduced special FDs with attractive interest rates. But most of these schemes are ending this month. For instance, SBI's special FD scheme offers 7.10% for 400 days till September 30, and so is IDBI Bank's special scheme, offering 7.35% for 700 days. In June and July, large lenders like State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India launched special FD schemes offering 7.10 to 7.35%.

Choose your card network

Starting September 6, banks will have to offer their customers the flexibility to choose their card network while applying for or renewing a card. And the cheapest is Rupay cards developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and not the globally accepted and dominant Visa and Mastercard, whose transaction charges are more than three times that of Rupay cards. While these American card networks charge close to ₹2 per transaction from the card issuing bank, NCPI charges about 40 paise. The issuer passes on the cost to the cardholder under the name of merchant discount rates (MDR)/ merchant fees and interchange fees, among others.

This means that if a bank issues a Mastercard, the customer can opt for a Visa card instead, or vice versa. Existing customers will also have the opportunity to make this choice when their current card is up for renewal.

Pay ₹50 for Aadhaar updates

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has said the free Aadhaar card updates will end from September 14. However, the free service is only available on the myAadhaar portal now and updating through Aadhaar centres comes at a fee of ₹50 even now. From September 15, even updating through the myAadhaar portal will be chargeable at ₹50.

Rupay cards reward points

One positive surprise is that, Rupay card holders will also be able to earn the same reward points for UPI transactions as they do for PoS/online transactions. According to NPCI, this will provide an enhanced benefit for credit users. And this is because in early August, the NPCI had admitted to the rewards imbalance affecting Rupay credit card users as unlike traditional card transactions, UPI payments made with Rupay cards till now were not offering comparable reward points, which are the main drivers of card usage.

Pay your advance tax

September 15 is the last day to pay the second instalment of the advance tax if you are salaried with additional sources of income such as interest from deposits, rental income, capital gains from markets or other applicable investments etc. Delayed payments of tax dues attract 12% penal interest or 1% per month under section 234A of the Income Tax Act.

Reward points from HDFC

HDFC Bank has capped its reward points on utility and telecom transactions to 2,000 points per month, effective September 1. Additionally, education fees paid through third-party apps like Cred, Mobikwik, etc are excluded from earning rewards points. But education-related payments made directly through the college/school website, or their PoS machines, will continue to earn rewards.

IDFC First revises terms

IDFC First Bank credit card customers also need to be careful as this small lender has revised its credit card payment terms from this month. The changes include modifications to the payment due dates and the minimum amount due. While payment due date has been cut to 15 days from 18 days from the statement generation date. Missing the due date in credit cards not only leads to a penalty for non-payment but also leads to compound interest. So ensure you pay your credit card bill on time.

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Starting September 6, banks will have to offer their customers the flexibility to choose their card network
Since last December, several banks introduced special FDs with attractive interest rates, but most of these schemes are ending this month
In June and July, large lenders like SBI, HDFC Bank, Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India launched special FD schemes offering
7.10 TO 7.35%
HDFC BANK
AADHAAR
From September 15, even updating through the myAadhaar portal will be chargeable at ₹50
Free Aadhaar card updates will end on
SEPTEMBER 14
HDFC BANK, WHICH IS THE LARGEST CARD ISSUER WITH OVER 25 MILLION CUSTOMERS, HAS CAPPED ITS REWARD POINTS ON UTILITY AND TELECOM TRANSACTIONS TO 2,000 POINTS PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1

MONEY MATTERS

WHY YOUR TEMPERAMENT DEFINES YOUR WEALTH

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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COMPOUND interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who does not pays it, legendary scientist Albert Einstein said, and is often quoted in several articles on personal finance.

Very little importance is given to why and when Albert Einstein made that statement on compound interest. Honestly, nobody should care. His name is enough to add credibility to the context. However, this column is not about the concept of compound interest. It is about your temperament. At the end of it all, your ability to ride through multiple market cycles makes you a winner in creating wealth.

You need to make some effort to build that ability. It would help if you were born with a patient mind. However, the chances of you falling for the 'high risk, high returns' model would also be dim. Most of us in India prefer not to take risks. Considering the history of our nation, we are a patient lot. We allow a benefit of the doubt to our governments. Most of us do not take any law into our own hands and indulge in street demonstrations like those in neighbouring countries.

We need to show a similar level of patience to our investments. While it is empirically proved that equity assets generate an inflation-beating return over 10-15 years and do better than most other asset classes, we expect to get rich quickly—that lack of patience to allow equity investments to grow stalls wealth creation. Everything is going for India's growth story.

Over the years, India's economic conditions and the government's ability to deliver has improved. Multilateral agencies expect India to grow by 7% annually in the foreseeable future. The gains in equity asset values ride on the steady growth in the economy. Top companies grow their profits much faster than the economy. That is reflected in the stock market performance of those companies.

If you look at the 15-year performance of share prices of top companies like Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, and other sector leaders, you may think you missed the bus. However, imagining many people trying to look that far is problematic.

When it comes to your money, you prefer to put it mainly in tangible assets like property and gold. For those who own financial assets, household data reveals that they put most of their money into fixed deposits, insurance, or pension funds. About 4-5% of people benefit primarily from the BSE S&P Sensex or the NSE Nifty rise.

These two benchmark indices have steadily grown at a compounded annual growth rate of over 13%. These indices are made primarily of companies that are primarily sector leaders. Your long-term financial goals require you to earn a return that comfortably beats inflation.

The power of compounding gets interesting if you keep buying an individual stock at regular intervals. However, you must track individual companies carefully. Top companies often reward shareholders with a higher dividend or a bonus issue of shares. They also initiate buybacks. When companies do that, it is primarily because they generate surplus cash through operations and do not have immediate spending requirements for expansion.

In the US, Berkshire Hathaway became the first non-technology company with a market value of over $ 1 trillion. That is a remarkable rally of support for Warren Buffett's way of investing. It is probably a textbook on patience that allowed him and his team to ride through market cycles successfully. As everyone looks to invest in stocks, Warren Buffett's company has accumulated a quarter of a trillion dollars war chest. That is probably more cash than even central banks in many countries. Berkshire is waiting for the next selloff in share prices to deploy that money.

The run-up in the share price of Berkshire Hathaway shows that patience matters a lot in wealth creation. You need to seek professional advice to build that skill. Your temperament is also a function of your confidence in earning your income. You must hold on to your quality investments to ride through market cycles and create wealth. The future of your money depends on you much more than you think.

MONEY-WISE

SPOTLIGHT ON BALANCED ADVANTAGE FUNDS

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LAST fortnight, we had commenced a discussion on Balanced Advantage Funds (BAF). Let us now turn the spotlight on a few funds in this category and how they have performed over time frames of 1, 3 and 5 years.

These include ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage Fund, HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund, DSP Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, Axis Balanced Advantage Fund and HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund.

ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹ 60,135 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 53% in Equity, 18% in Arbitrage and 29% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, Automobiles and IT Software sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 23.9%, 14.1% and 14.8% respectively.

HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹1,494 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 50% in Equity, 19% in Arbitrage, 29% in Debt and 2% in Cash and Cash Equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology, Banks and IT Software sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 23.6%, 11.7% and 11.9% respectively.

DSP Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund has an AUM of ₹ 3,212 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 30% in Equity, 36% in Arbitrage and 34% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in Banks, Finance, and IT Software sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period

are 21.3%, 10.2% and 11.5% respectively.

Axis Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹ 2,466 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 61% in Equity, 8% in Arbitrage, 25% in Debt and 6% in Cash and Cash Equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Finance, IT Software and Petroleum Products Sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 31.9%, 14.5% and 14.6% respectively.

HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹ 94,048 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 50% in Equity, 15% in Arbitrage, 30% in Debt and 5% in Cash and Cash Equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, IT Software and Construction sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 37.9%, 25.2% and 22.1% respectively.

As is its intent, BAF provides a valuable middle ground for those seeking calibrated exposure to equities with a protective layer of debt. To select the right BAF that matches an investors specific requirement though, is best left to an expert. A one size fits all assumption that leads to random selection of a BAF is thus not advisable.

Initial Public Offerings worth ₹11,000 crore to flood markets this week

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

SEVEN companies led by Bajaj Housing Finance, debt arranging platform Northern Arc and jewellery player PN Gadgil Jewellers and four more are hitting the primary capital markets next week, seeking to mop up close to ₹11,000 crore.

The other issuers tapping the market next one week are Arkade Developers, Tolins Tyres, auto component player Kross and Gala Precision Engineering. While the issue from Bajaj Housing Finance is the largest of all at ₹7,000 crore, Chennai-based debt arranger Northern Arc is raising ₹1,500 crore, Pune-headquartered almost 200-year- old PNG Jewellers is mopping up ₹1,100 crore, Kross is looking at raising ₹500 crore, the city-based Arkade Developers, which is primarily into redevelopment in the megapolis, is seeking to garner ₹430 crore in a fully primary issue. Kerala-based Tolin Tyers is eyeing ₹230 crore, and the city-based Gala Precision Engineering is looking at garnering ₹180 crore, according to their filings with the regulator Sebi.

The ₹7,000-crore Bajaj Housing issue is the first IPO from the Pune-based group since May 2008 and consists of a fresh issue of ₹4,000 crore and an offer for sale of up to ₹3,000 crore by the selling shareholder Bajaj Finance. Northern Arc Capital is primarily into arranging debt for small businesses and micro lenders, but also has a non-banking arm, and is raising ₹1,500 crore through the public issue in a mix of fresh issue and offer for sale by its external investors, the details of which are not known as of now.

PNG Jewellers' ₹1,100 crore issue consists of fresh issue of ₹850 crore and the ₹250 crore of OFS by the family trust SVG Business Trust that fully owns the company.

Chinese imports hurting Indian MSMEs: GTRI study

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IMPORTS from China are hurting Indian MSMEs as cheaper Chinese goods make it tough for smaller domestic companies to compete in the market, leading to distress among these companies.

According to the think tank -- Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) -- many of the imported products are also made by local MSMEs, and they find it hard to grow due to the easy access to low-cost Chinese products. In a detailed study done by GTRI, it has been revealed that local MSMEs are finding it difficult to compete with cheap Chinese imports in product categories like umbrellas, artificial flowers, human hair articles, leather articles and toys.

For example, China supplies 96% of India's umbrellas and sun umbrellas ($31 million) and 92% of artificial flowers and human hair articles ($14 million). Chinese imports have captured 60% of the glassware market, 54% market of leather articles including saddlery and

52.5% of toys market. The Chinese dominance in the Indian toys market is despite the government hiking customs duty on toys from 20% to 70% and implementing quality control measures. "Even in ceramic products ($232.4 million, 51.4%) and musical instruments ($15.7 million, 51.2%), where Indian artisans once thrived, the dominance of Chinese imports is displacing local production," says the GTRI research.

In product categories, where Chinese imports account for less than 50% of domestic market, Indian MSMEs are struggling to compete in industries such as furniture, bedding, and lamps (with Chinese supplies capturing 48.7% of market with imports valued at $370.8 million), and tools, implements, and cutlery (39.4%, $269.3 million). "These are sectors where Indian small businesses have traditionally been strong but are now losing ground due to the influx of Chinese goods," observes GTRI.

Similarly, products like articles of stone, plaster, and cement (49.3%, $234.5 million), miscellaneous articles of base metal (47%, $282.6 million), and carpets (31.8%, $24.8 million) are under threat, diminishing the competitiveness of local producers.

From January to June 2024, India exported $8.5 billion to China while importing $50.4 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of $41.9 billion. This low export and high import make China India's largest trade deficit partner. About 98.5% of imports from China, or $49.6 billion, are industrial goods. China accounts for 29.8% of India's industrial goods imports.

Passenger Vehicle sales decline by 2-3% at 3.5 L units in August 2024

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales fell for the second straight month in August with most car manufacturers slowing down dispatches to rationalise stocks at dealer showrooms amidst a sluggishness in demand.

It is estimated that around 350,000-355,000 PVs were dispatched to dealerships last month, a fall of about 2-3% over 361,123 vehicles sold in August last year. India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) reported an 8.4% slump in domestic sales last month to 143,075 units.

Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Director, Marketing & Sales said that their retail sales are slightly better than wholesales and because of this MSIL's network stock, which at the beginning of August was 38 days, has now come down to 36 days. "Our focus is that our channel partners are able to have a reasonably healthy stock to sell the vehicles. We are continuously trying to bring the stocks down, and now it is at 36 days," he added.

He is also hopeful of healthy demand in the upcoming festive season which would kick off from Ganesh Chaturthi in Maharashtra and Onam in Kerala in the first half of September. "Last year, Onam was on August 27-28-29. This year, Onam is on September 16-17-18. It is not a like-to-like comparison, but just to share that this year, in the state of Kerala, if we compare the whole month, we are seeing a growth of 7% in terms of bookings," said Banerjee. Hyundai Motor India's (HMIL) domestic sales fell by 8% to 49,525 units last month while Tata Motors reported a decline of 3% to sell 44,142 units in August.

Leclerc delights home F1 fans with Italian GP win

Charles Leclerc secured Ferrari a rare win at the Formula 1 Italian GP, much to the home fans' delight, as the team's one-stop strategy paid off. Ferrari, which had brought nine upgrades to its home race, was one of the teams to choose to only pit once. And that proved the right decision for Leclerc who managed to hold off Oscar Piastri & his McLaren teammate Lando Norris.

Formula 4 racing: Barter shows his class on glittery night

Racer from Godspeed Kochi, with a timing of 19:42:952, came first in the round 2 of India's first street night race; Ruhaan & Abhay finished 2nd & 3rd respectively

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

AFTER a delayed start dampening the opening day of the event, the Indian Racing League Formula4 race lived up to the expectations, with Hugh Barter of Godspeed Kochi, with a timing of 19:42:952, coming first in the round 2 here on Sunday. Ruhaan Alva of Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers clocked 19:50:251 to come second, while Abhay Mohan of Bangalore Speedsters with 20:09:021 came third. Goa Aces Ja Racing team driver Raoul Hyman of Britain pocketed the first place in the race 1 of round one. Silver medal also went to Goa's Gabriela Jilkova from the Czech Republic. Malaysia based Alister Yoong of Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers had to settle for a bronze. It was a delight to watch Goa's Hyman and Jilkova compete with each other with zest and zeal. In the end, Hyman drove brilliantly in the finishing stages to show his class and control.

Fans who waited anxiously to see the Night street Race for the first time in the country were in for a treat as they were bowled over by the pulsating action and speed of the cars. The professionally lit-up streets around the track of the circuit was a pleasant sight and the entire area surrounding the Island grounds wore a festive look. It was a novel experience for both fans as well as the drivers. Some of them were comparing the lighting, fences and the old tyres spread outside the track in front of the fence for the safety of the public to that of the Monaco circuit.

The drivers on Saturday night had a feel of the 3.5 kms street circuit and got an opportunity to plan how to maneuver across some of the tricky bends in the circuit. That came in handy on Sunday. India's Ruhaan Alva, the teenager from Bengaluru who is a part of Sharchi Rarh Bengal Tigers team and had an impressive outing in Round-1 last weekend at the Madras International Circuit, said: "The track looks super challenging, pretty high speed with some nice chicanes as well. The night race is new for me, and I was really looking forward to it. The tyre degradation was something that we will have to take care of. The low grip on track compared to what we are used to, makes it important to take care of the tyres."

Race 2 riders during the Formula 4 night street race in Chennai on Sunday. Aqil Alibhai (Car No. 47) won the round 2 of race 2 | ASHWIN PRASATH

Several racers had a nice word to say about the track and many of them found the circuit to be challenging. India's Ruhaan Alva, the teenager from Bengaluru who is a part of Sharchi Rarh Bengal Tigers team and had an impressive outing in Round-1 last weekend at the Madras International Circuit, said: "The night race is new for me, and I was really looking forward to it. The tyre degradation was something that we will have to take care of. The low grip on track compared to what we are used to, makes it important to take care of the tyres." Meanwhile, winner of Race-1 last week, UK's 36-year-old Jon Lancaster (Chennai Turbo Riders), felt his experience in street racing would help him. "Historical monuments provide the perfect backdrop for this great event. With the high-quality lighting, the organizers have provided only a slight adjustment approaching brake zones and apexes." **Results: F4:** Race1: Round 2: 1. Hugh Barter (Godspeed Kochi) 19;42;952; Ruhaan Alva (Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers) 19:50:251; 3. Abhay Mohan (Bangalore Speedsters) 20:09:021; F4 Race 2: Race-2: 1. Aqil Alibhai (Blackbirds Hyderabad) (30:03.445); 2. Divy Nandan (Ahmedabad Apex Racers) (30:03.704); 3. Jaden Pariat (Bangalore Speedsters) (30:04.413); JK Tyres Race 1: Race 1: **JK Formula LGB 4:** 1. Dilgith TS (Dark Don Racing) 11:48:827; 2. Nythan Mc Pherson (Momentum Motorsports) 11:48:973; 3. Tijil Rao (Dark Don) 11:50:800; Rookie: 1. Mc Pherson (11:48.973); 2. Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru, MSPORT) (11:53.785); 3. Ashok Lal (Bengaluru, Avalanche Racing) (12:01.039); Race-2 (10 laps): 1. Tiljil Rao (27:03.653); 2. Diljith TS (27:03.964); 3. Neythan McPherson (27:04.402). Rookie: 1. McPherson (27:04.402); 2. Abhay Mo.

Bengaluru paddler Yashaswini Ghorpade of Goa Challengers in action | UTT

Playing in UTT will be of immense help: Ghorpade

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

MAKING her debut in the fifth edition of Ultimate Table Tennis, Yashaswini Ghorpade is part of the defending champions, Goa Challengers. The 19-year-old from Bengaluru is relishing the experience of playing alongside Yangzi Liu and Harmeet Desai, while making a space for herself. She spoke about reuniting with her former doubles partner, Desai, support of her parents and experience of playing in Chennai. Excerpts:

● On her experience of playing in UTT

When I first learned that I was part of the Goa Challengers, it became even more amazing. I have been watching the UTT thinking about when I will get the chance to play. Last year, I had a chance, but we had the Asian Youth Championship, so I couldn't be part of the competition. I am happy to get this opportunity. The format is different, but more importantly, it's quick. Every point matters. You need to be focused and switched on all the time. I believe playing here will help us when we are competing in other tournaments. Keeping the focus on the entire will teach us a valuable lesson in the long run.

● On reuniting with Desai

It is amazing to reunite with Harmeet bhaiya. He has always cheered for me and his words always inspire me. The way he plays, he has always been my role model. Playing mixed doubles with him has been some of the best experiences. Being part of the team where he is one of the leaders makes it even more special.

● How did table tennis start?

I was a lazy kid (laughs) and I used to watch too much TV. At the same time, I used to fall sick a lot because my immunity was low. My parents wanted me to join some sports. So indoor sport was comparatively easy for me to start. Luckily, table tennis was in my school as well, so that helped me to get started.

● On playing in Chennai

Chennai has been so good to me. I won my national championship in the same stadium. I have a memory of winning a point and my mother watching me from a distance. It is still fresh in my memory. Last year, we won the University South Zone Games here after 19 years.

● On support of parents and coach Anshuman Roy

No matter how much I express my gratitude towards my parents it is not enough. My mother has always been travelling with me. When she cannot do that, I feel like something is missing. I am not used to it. I am always on call with her or my father. He has been the motivation for me all these years. The bond me and my coach share is like that of siblings. I always tie rakhi to him.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Sinner & Swiatek move into last 16

AGENCIES @ New York

JANNIK Sinner avoided plunging through the US Open trapdoor which claimed Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz when he stormed into the last 16 on Saturday as fellow world number one Iga Swiatek stayed on course for a second New York triumph. Australian Open champion Sinner raced past 87th-ranked Christopher O'Connell 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. "I knew I had to play very solid. My serve worked well so I am happy with my performance," said Sinner after firing 15 aces in his 46 winners past outclassed O'Connell of Australia.

"There have been some upsets in the tournament so let's see what's coming. I'm happy to still be here and play as many matches as possible," added Sinner. Sinner will take on 14th seed Tommy Paul for a quarter-final place after the American defeated Canadian qualifier Gabriel Diallo in four sets.

Four-time French Open champion Swiatek was equally dominant as Sinner as the top-seeded Pole eased into the fourth round with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. The 23-year-old will face another Russian, Liudmila Samsonova for a quarter-final place. "I like the night sessions but it's noisy so I need to focus on my job and stay inside my bubble," said Swiatek who shot a long hard stare at her opponent when a ball was speared towards her early in the second set.

With Djokovic and Alcaraz heading home to Europe, Daniil Medvedev finds himself as the only former champion left in the men's tournament. The Russian, seeded five, swept past Flavio Cobolli, the world number 31 from Italy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. Britain's Jack Draper reached the last 16 for a second successive year by defeating Botic van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Alex De Minaur defeated an ailing Dan Evans 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 6-0, 6-0 with the Briton hardly able to walk in the closing stages, a legacy of playing the longest match in US Open history in the first round.

Meanwhile, Karolina Muchova cruised through by beating Anastasia Potapova 6-4, 6-2. She next faces French Open and Wimbledon runner-up Jasmine Paolini, who beat Yulia Putintseva 6-3, 6-4.

Jannik Sinner of Italy returns a shot against Christopher O'Connell of Australia | AFP

SELECTED RESULTS

(Rd 3) Men: Casper Ruud bt Shang Juncheng 6-7 (1/7), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-1, Alexander Zverev bt Tomas Etcheverry 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3, Alexei Popyrin bt Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, **Women:** Wang Yafan bt Victoria Azarenka 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, Elise Mertens bt Madison Keys 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-4, Aryna Sabalenka bt Ekaterina Alexandrova

EXPRESS READ

Rahane hundred keeps Leicestershire afloat

CARDIFF: Ajinkya Rahane compiled his 40th First-Class century — a marvellous 192-ball 102 — as Leicestershire battled hard to avoid defeat against Glamorgan in their County Championship Division Two match on Sunday. At the lunch, Leicestershire were 271/4 and needing another 28 runs to make their opponents bat again.

Bopanna-Sutjiadi enter mixed doubles Q/Fs

NEW YORK: India's Rohan Bopanna and his Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi moved into the mixed doubles quarterfinals of the US Open. Bopanna and Sutjiadi, seeded eighth, beat the Australian duo of John Pears and Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic 0-6 7-6(5) 10-7 in a second-round match.

Six Indian cricketers picked up in WBBL

MELBOURNE: Six Indians, including Smriti Mandhana, will be part of the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL). While Mandhana was pre-signed by Adelaide Strikers, D Hemalatha will play for the first time as she was drafted by the Perth Scorchers. Yastika Bhatia, signed by Melbourne Stars, will also make her WBBL debut.

Shuttlers shine bright, Preethi creates history

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu shuttlers assured India a medal as Manisha Ramadass of Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram's Thulasimathi Murugesan set up a clash in the women's singles SU5 semifinal at the Paris Paralympics on Sunday. However, star shooter Avani Lekhara missed out on repeating her medal-winning feat failing to qualify for the final following an 11th-place finish in the mixed 10m air rifle prone (SH1) qualification.

The 19-year-old Manisha, who was born with Erb's palsy which affected her right arm, defeated Japan's Mamiko Toyoda 21-13, 21-16 in the quarterfinals. The second-seeded Indian left-hander needed 30 minutes to down her unseeded rival. Erb's palsy is a nerve disorder in the shoulder and arm that results in weakness or loss of muscle function. In SU5 category, the players have impairment of the upper limbs. The impairment could be on the playing or non-playing hand.

A clinical mistake by doctors while guiding her out of the birth canal meant Manisha's right arm got damaged even before she was born. Eldest among two sisters, she underwent three surgeries till she turned 12 but the damage could not be undone completely. Even as her parents were trying to fix the problem, Manisha found a way to overcome the tragedy by turning to sports. In the last four, Manisha will meet top seed Thulasimathi, who had beat Portugal's Beatriz Monteiro in group A on Saturday.

However, Mandeep Kaur and Palak Kohli were eliminated following contrasting defeats in their respective quarterfinals.

Historic bronze

Preethi Pal created history as she became the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics while clinching the bronze in the 200m T35 category with a personal best time of 30.01 seconds.

The 23-year-old Preethi also became only the second Indian woman to win two medals — both bronze — in a single Paralympics after shooter Avani Lekhara who won a gold and a bronze in Tokyo three years ago. The bronze won by the 23-year-old Preethi was also India's second para-athletics medal in the Paris Paralympics.

Nitesh in final

Top-seeded Indian shuttler Nitesh Kumar secured a medal in men's singles SL3 category after a commanding straight-game win over Japan's Daisuke Fujihara in the semifinals on Sunday. The 29-year-old Nitesh, who overcame permanent leg damage from a 2009 accident, showed his dominance with a 21-16, 21-12 win over Fujihara in a 48-minute semifinal.

Eyeing India berth via Duleep Trophy

With the Duleep Trophy beginning on Thursday, here is a look at some of the players who will be striving to put on a show and make it to the Bangladesh Test squad...

KL Rahul

The senior batter was a vital part of the squad during the England Tests, but injuries have not helped him. He eventually made a comeback in Sri Lanka ODIs, but a return to the Test team will not be straightforward as there are other players who have made a mark.

Rishabh Pant

Made his comeback to competitive cricket in the shortest format, but this is where he becomes the X-factor. With the Australia tour coming up, this Duleep Trophy and the rest of the season will be crucial in testing Pant's endurance and workload across five days.

SHREYAS IYER: Another senior on a comeback trail. He played the Buchi Babu tournament, but was not able to make a mark. Leading India D, he will be keen to make more of an impact in the opening round of the tournament.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV: In July, chief selector Ajit Agarkar said the T20I captain is not in the reckoning for ODIs. Cut to August, Yadav is making his bid for a comeback in the longest format. This tournament will give him yet another opportunity to post big scores after missing out in Buchi Babu.

DEVDUTT PADIKKAL: Another batter to debut against England, who will now have to do it all over again with the seniors coming back.

SARFARAZ KHAN: He made his Test debut in Feb & immediately took to it like fish to water. But with the likes of Kohli and Rahul coming back, he will have to fight his way back in.

ISHAN KISHAN: Like Shreyas, he too was dropped and has been on a comeback trail. Had a couple of good knocks in Buchi Babu, but this tournament will be the litmus test for the Jharkhand keeper.

DHRUV JUREL: The first-choice keeper at the moment, but he faces heavy competition with Pant and Kishan coming back.

SQUADS

● **India A:** Gill (C), Mayank, Riyan, Jurel (WK), Rahul, Tilak, Dube, Tanush, Kuldeep, Akash Deep, Prasidh, Khaleel, Avesh, Kaverappa, Kushagra, Shaswat. ● **India B:** Easwaran (C), Jaiswal, Sarfaraz, Rishabh (WK), Musheer, Nitish*, Washington, Saini, Dayal, Mukesh, Chahar, R Sai Kishore, Awasthi, Jagadeesan (WK). ● **India C:** Gaikwad (C), Sai Sudharsan, Patidar, Porel (WK), Yadav, B Indrajith, Shokeen, Suthar, Gaurav, Vyshak, Anshul, Himanshu, Markande, Juyal (WK), Warrier. ● **India D:** Shreyas (C), Atharva, Dubey, Padikkal, Ishan (WK), Ricky, Saransh, Axar, Arshdeep, Aditya, Harshit, Tushar, Akash, KS Bharat (WK), Saurabh.

** Nitish Kumar Reddy's participation in the Duleep Trophy is subject to fitness.*

FOOTBALL

Salah stars as Liverpool humiliate Man United at Old Trafford

AGENCIES @ Manchester

LIVERPOOL reasserted its dominance over Manchester United on Sunday by beating its great rival 3-0 on Sunday as Mohamed Salah enjoyed another dreamy visit to Old Trafford. Salah scored for the seventh straight game at Old Trafford and also provided two first-half assists for Luis Diaz in United's latest humiliation at the hands of its fiercest opponent in what is historically the biggest match in English soccer. Make that 15 goals in all competitions for Salah against United since he joined Liverpool in 2017 and he was regaled with songs by the vocal visiting contingent in the final moments of a one-sided match.

United has lost two of its three league games so far this season, winning the other one — against Fulham — thanks to a late goal. In contrast, Liverpool has won all three matches without conceding a goal. The only other team with nine points from nine is defending champion Manchester City..

Chelsea held

A 1-1 home draw with Crystal Palace meant Chelsea has won just one of its first three league matches this season — even if that was a 6-2 rout of Wolverhampton last weekend. Chelsea has four points from a possible nine, having opened the season by losing to Manchester City, and manager Enzo Maresca said "the direction is the correct one" for his team.

Meanwhile, Newcastle beat Tottenham 2-1 — and stayed unbeaten on seven points — thanks to a 78th-minute winner by Alexander Isak that came against the run of play at St. James' Park. Dan Burn's own-goal in the 56th brought Spurs back into the match after Harvey Barnes' strike in the 37th.

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (R) in action against Manchester United | AFP

Amit, Payal improve meet records in 35km race walk

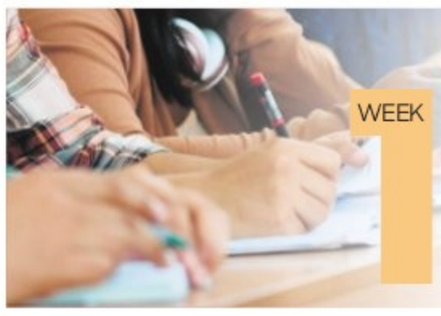
AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

HARYANA'S Amit and Railways' Payal bettered meet records in the men's and women's 35km race walk events while winning gold on the penultimate day of the 63rd National Open Athletics Championships on Sunday. Amit clocked 2 hours 38 minutes to better the previous meet record of 2:39:05 set by Ram Babu in 2022. Payal clocked 3:02:24 to improve her own meet mark of 3:04.48 set in 2022.

However, MP's shot putter Samardeep Singh Gill's hopes of breaching the 20m barrier fell short though he won the gold with an effort of 19.27m. **Results:** Men: High jump: Jomon Joy (Kerala) 2.14m, Aadarsh Ram (Railways) 2.11m, Rohit (Haryana) 2.11m. Long jump: Arya S (Railways) 7.89m, Muhammed Yahiya (Kerala) 7.78m, Jagroop (Punjab) 7.65m. Shot put: Samardeep Singh Gill (MP) 19.27m, Abhilash Saxena (MP) 18.53m, Dhanveer Singh (SSCB) 18.51m. Hammer throw: Ravi (Railways) 66.41m, Ashish Jakhar (Services) 64.87m, Nitesh Poonia (Railways) 64.85m. 35km race walk: Amit (Haryana) 2:38:00.00 (MR), Vijay Vishwakarma (Services) 2:39:13.00, Eknath Turambekar (Railways) 2:39:36.00. 4x100m relay: Odisha 39.65 seconds, Railways 39.82 seconds, Services 39.99 seconds. Women: 35km race walk: Payal (Railways) 3:02:24 (MR), Ramandeep Kaur (Railways) 3:08:22, Bandana Patel (UP) 3:09:31. 4x100m relay: Karnataka 45.21 seconds, Railways 45.29 seconds, Odisha 45.93 seconds.

UPSC MAINS 2024

FINAL FIRST-WEEK PREPARATION PLAN



WEEK 1 — **GS PAPERS 1, 2, AND 3 FOCUS**
A balanced approach combining static core concepts and dynamic current affairs. This week is designed to cover the foundational aspects of each paper with daily writing practice.

WEEK 2 — **ESSAY, ETHICS, AND OPTIONAL PAPERS**
Focus: In-depth practice for essay writing, ethical case studies, and mastering your optional subject. This week emphasises refining your analytical and writing skills with both static content and current examples.

WEEK 3 — **REVISION AND EXAM SIMULATION**
Focus: Intensive revision of all subjects, coupled with full-length test simulations under exam conditions. This week is about consolidating knowledge and practicing time management to ensure peak performance during the actual exam.

WEEK 1: GENERAL STUDIES PAPERS 1, 2, AND 3

DAY 1
GS PAPER 1
STATIC CONTENT

FOCUS: Core Concepts

TASKS

History: Revisit key topics such as the Indian National Movement, including the phases of the freedom struggle (Moderate, Extremist, and Gandhian). Refer to previous year's questions like the 2018 question on the contributions of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Culture: Revise important cultural aspects like Indian architecture, painting, and literature. Make sure you cover topics like the Sanchi Stupa, as asked in previous exams.

Geography: Review the physical geography of India, including major rivers, mountains, and climate patterns. Use standard books like NCERTs and GC Leong.

EXAMPLE: In 2019, there was a question on the impact of climate change on India's water resources. Ensure you can answer similar questions by thoroughly understanding both static and current data.

DAY 2
GS PAPER 2
DYNAMIC CONTENT

FOCUS: Current Affairs and Writing Practice

TASKS

Geography and Environment: Examine recent current affairs related to environmental issues like deforestation in the Western Ghats or the impact of the new environment regulations on biodiversity.

Current Affairs: Use sources like newspapers to gather information on recent issues related to Indian culture and society, such as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on marginalised communities.

Writing Practice: Write answers on recent topics like the desertification in India, using the knowledge from both static and dynamic sources.

EXAMPLE: UPSC 2020 had a question on the role of women in the freedom struggle. Practice writing on how modern societal changes impact the role of women today.

DAY 3
GS PAPER 2: STATIC CONTENT

FOCUS: Polity and Governance

TASKS

Polity: Focus on constitutional provisions, amendments, and landmark judgments. Topics like Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles are frequently tested.

Governance: Review the roles and responsibilities of various constitutional bodies like the Election Commission, CAG, and so on. Previous years' questions like the one on Right to Privacy in 2017 should guide your study.

Books and Notes: Refer to Laxmikant's book for detailed understanding.

EXAMPLE: The 2021 Mains had a question on the significance of the 42nd Amendment. Revisit such topics for a solid understanding.

DAY 4
GS PAPER 2
DYNAMIC CONTENT

prep time

FOCUS: Current Affairs and Writing Practice

TASKS

Polity: Analyse recent judgments from the Supreme Court, such as the Sabarimala verdict, and their implications on society and governance.

Governance: Keep up with recent initiatives like the National Digital Health Mission and the amendments to the Essential Commodities Act.

Writing Practice: Practice writing on issues like electoral reforms, using examples from recent elections and governance reports.

EXAMPLE: The 2019 question on the challenges of electoral reforms can be revisited with the current context of simultaneous elections debate.

DAY 5
GS PAPER 3
STATIC CONTENT

FOCUS: Economics, Disaster Management, and Internal Security

TASKS

Economics: Study the basics of Indian economy, including topics like inflation, GDP, and fiscal policy. The recent issues like inflation control measures should be understood in depth.

Disaster Management: Cover all static topics, particularly the NDMA guidelines, disaster response mechanisms, and case studies from recent events like Cyclone Yaas.

Internal Security: Revise topics like border management and cyber security, which are frequently asked in the exams.

EXAMPLE: The 2020 Mains included a question on the impact of the economic slowdown on the banking sector. Study similar static topics with current updates.

DAY 6
GS PAPER 3
DYNAMIC CONTENT

FOCUS: Current Affairs and Writing Practice

TASKS

Economics: Update yourself on the latest economic survey, budget highlights, and current government schemes like PLI (Production Linked Incentive) Scheme.

Disaster Management: Review recent disaster events in India and analyse the effectiveness of response strategies. For instance, look into the impact of the 2021 Uttarakhand glacier burst.

Writing Practice: Answer questions on current economic policies or recent disaster management efforts. Use data from recent reports to substantiate your answers.

EXAMPLE: Analyse question on the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as it was relevant in the 2021 Mains exam.

DAY 7 WRITING PRACTICE AND MOCK TESTS
TASKS **FOCUS:** Simulating Exam Conditions

Mock Test: Attempt a full test covering GS Papers 1, 2, and 3. Simulate exam conditions to build endurance and time management skills.

Review: After completing the mock test, critically review your answers, focusing on areas of improvement.

Clear Backlog: Use any remaining time to clear any backlogs in your preparation.

EXAMPLE: Review your performance in the mock test by comparing it with model answers and identify areas where you can improve.

Ravi Kapoor is a former IRS officer and Chief Mentor at Testbook, an exam prep app

CONCLUSION: This schedule is designed to ensure that you cover all critical areas while balancing static and dynamic content. By following this plan, you will build a strong foundation in General Studies while also honing your writing skills — both of which are essential for success in the UPSC Mains exam.

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DAY'S DIARY

World War II ends

In 1945, Japanese officials signed the Instrument of Surrender, prepared by the War Department and approved by Prez Harry S. Truman, ending WW II

ULTIMATUM

In July, the Allies issued the Potsdam Declaration, demanding Japan to surrender, noting that failure to comply would result in complete destruction of the Japanese homeland

ACCEPTANCE

On August 12, the US announced it would accept the surrender, making clear in its statement that the emperor could remain in a purely ceremonial capacity

SURRENDER

MacArthur observed: "Today... A great victory has been won. The skies no longer rain death, the seas bear only commerce, men walk upright in the sunlight..."

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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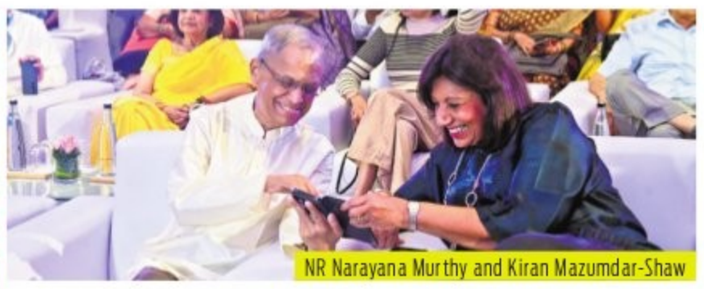
(From left) Sudha Murty, NR Narayana Murthy, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, and Geetanjali Kirloskar | SHASHIDHAR BY RAPPA



NR Narayana Murthy and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Samyukta Hornad with Sudha Murty

Twinkle Khanna

Bengaluru's literati and glitterati came together for a Sunday soirée as author-philanthropist Sudha Murty released her 300th book title *Grandpa's Bag of Stories*

'I would tell my younger self not to worry so much'

EXPRESS FEATURES

A young Sudha Murty never envisioned that anyone would be interested in publishing or reading books written by someone without a literary background. But as she launched her 300th book title, *Grandpa's Bag of Stories*, she is not only a known figure in literary circles, and a member of Rajya Sabha but has also lovingly become 'Ajji' to thousands of children growing up with her stories.

"I was scared to publish my first book because I was not really a literature student. I was an engineer and an engineer who was writing in Kannada so I thought 'Who would want to publish and read my stories,'" says Murty, in conversation with actor-author Twinkle Khanna during the book launch, celebrating 44 years of her literary journey. The event also saw the presence of literary luminaries and well-known personalities, including Biocon's founder and executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, entrepreneur Geetanjali Kirloskar, British Deputy High Commissioner Chandru Iyer, Member of Parliament Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and actor Samyukta Hornad.

Looking back, Murty, who is also the mother-in-law of former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, expresses, "Now, I would tell my younger self not to worry so much. Literature doesn't have borders, degrees, or restrictions — it's about the passion to express yourself in words."

Her latest book, published by Puffin, an imprint of Penguin, is a new collection of 19 stories much like her bestselling *Grandma's Bag of Stories*, where she transports young readers to the serene hills of Uttarakhand, as the young protagonists, find themselves in the midst of an enchanting adventure. Guided by their grandfather, affectionately called 'Ajja,' they encounter tales of kings, princesses, mermaids, and more, all while absorbing the rich cultural tapestry of the Pahadi traditions.

"In real life, grandma is the better storyteller...that's me. But this time I wrote *Grandpa's Bag of Stories* because [Narayana] Murthy doesn't really tell a lot of stories," laughs Murty, who was accompanied by husband and founder of Infosys, Narayana Murthy for the event. "I felt it's too much for a grandmother to always tell stories so I decided to switch things up," she adds.

Murty also spoke about the differences in writing for children and adults. For her, writing for adults is straightforward, whereas writing for children requires filters. "The tone has to be positive, and the message should be embedded within the story, without being preachy," she explains, whose series on her pet dog Gopi is a crowd favourite.

One of the challenges, Murty admits, is staying relevant in a rapidly changing world. "I'm an extrovert, and I talk to people, especially children, to understand their world," she says. This connection helps her avoid the trap of becoming repetitive, a fear she constantly guards against. "I constantly remind myself not to fall into a pattern. I don't want my work to become predictable or monotonous, because I am also aware that every book and every author has a shelf life," she adds.

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first - prize winner will get a voucher worth ₹1,600 from Burma Burma**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Roquefort 2) Manchego 3) Brunost

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Greeshma K
2) R Vani
3) Ratish Trehan

THE MAKERS OF HANU-MAN TO PRODUCE SUDEEP'S BILLA RANGA BAASHAA

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Renowned French-Algerian choreographer Mourad Merzouki, who devised the choreography for the 2024 Paris Olympics, is bringing his dance production *Cartes Blanches* to Bengaluru

Freedom in Motion

POOJA DAS

WHAT is dance if not a celebration of movement and the life that pulsates within us all? Honouring this celebration of life, renowned French-Algerian choreographer Mourad Merzouki is bringing an original choreography titled *Cartes Blanches*.

A joint venture between Merzouki's Compagnie Käfig, Prakriti Foundation, and the French Institute in India, the production will feature six international dancers alongside six dancers from Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi, selected after auditions last year. "This project is an opportunity for me to open up my work internationally as I want to continue collaborating with local artists," he shares. The show, which retraces 20 years of Compagnie Käfig's history, was first conceptualised in 2016 to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary and will be premiering in the city this month.

One of the selected dancers, Deep Das from Mumbai, reflects, "As a movement artist and choreographer, it's an honour to be part of this French production." For Snigdha Prabhakar, one of the dancers from Bengaluru, the experience has been equally intense and rewarding. "It's an intense process with a lot of work in a short amount of time," she shares.

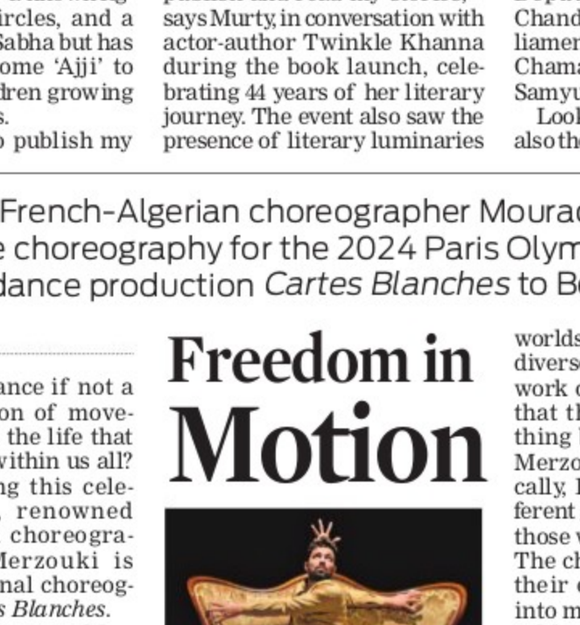
While the production is heavily inspired by hip-hop elements like breaking, locking, popping, and floor work, Prabhakar notes that it also allows the dancers to express their individuality and bring their own styles into the performance. "It's more about presenting yourself as you are. There's definitely camaraderie – you're working with your tribe, but you also get moments to express yourself," she adds.

Merzouki's vision for *Cartes Blanches* was to create a 'friendly reunion', where dancers from various backgrounds share 'moments of life and the memory of bodies, in all its simplicity.' "The challenge with every creation is to harmonize distant worlds. The idea is not to place diverse styles end to end, but to work on a form of alchemy so that the spectator sees something both singular and new," Merzouki explains. "Technically, Indian dancers have different gestures and bodies from those we are used to in France. The challenge is to work with their energy and integrate it into my creative work."

Merzouki's innovative blend of hip-hop, martial arts, and other dance forms has earned him global recognition, having recently devised the official choreography of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. "The future of hip-hop will depend on the people behind it and their desire to continue taking risks, innovating... which is what we've been doing for the last 30 years! As long as we take this approach, we'll continue to exist."

For Merzouki, this collaboration with Indian dancers is more than just a fusion of dance styles. "I try to invent dialogues between different disciplines. My work is driven by the idea of bringing together people, genres, energies, and styles," he explains. "Today, hip-hop has the capacity and maturity to open up to other techniques, to shake up the arts, while offering a generous dance for everyone. Art and dance demonstrate that despite differences, dialogue is always possible!" he shares.

(Cartes Blanches will be showcased on September 7, 8pm at Prestige Srihari Khoday Center For Performing Arts. Tickets priced at ₹299 are available at bookmyshow.com)



A dancer at a rehearsal session

CITY READ

Legacy coffee brand launches new blends

Badra Coffee, an 81-year-old coffee brand has announced its expansion into the direct-to-consumer (D2C) market, launching four new blends now available through its e-commerce platform. The company is known for its high quality through its plantation roots and meticulous bean-to-cup process. The new blends – Temple Mountain, Kaapi Nirvana, Misty Heights, and Dakshin Fusion – offer a diverse range of flavours, with the richness of Chikmagalur's finest beans. More details on badracoffee.com.

Bank installs coffee vending machine

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has installed a coffee vending machine at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield. The initiative, part of PNB's corporate social responsibility efforts, aims to give back to the community and support local initiatives. The machine was officially handed over during a ceremony attended by PNB's Zonal Manager, Deepak Kumar Srivastava, and Circle Head, Ratish Kumar Singh, along with Dr Shivakumar Gunare, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police.

XPRESS FOCUS

Indian Academy Group marks 25 years with Inspiring Founders' Day Event

The Indian Academy Group of Institutions recently celebrated its Founders' Day at the Indian Academy Degree College-Autonomous (IADC-A) campus. The event honoured the vision and legacy of the institution's founders while reinforcing its commitment to excellence in education.

Dr. T. M. Kotresh, a Scientist and Director of the Defence Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL) under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), captivated the audience with an inspiring keynote address.

Dr. Kotresh praised the founders for their dedication to education, commending their decision to return to India after pursuing higher studies in the United States, driven by a deep sense of responsibility to give back to society. He emphasised that character holds greater value than competence, urging students to prioritise integrity in their lives.

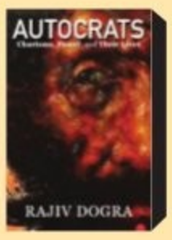
The celebration was presided over by Dr. T. Somasekhar, Chairman of the Indian Academy Education Trust, and Bharathi Thummala, Secretary of the Indian Academy Education Trust. Both expressed their appreciation for Dr. Kotresh's contributions to the field of defence and his inspirational words. Dr. Somasekhar also shared his vision to elevate IADC-A into a full-fledged Deemed-to-be University, furthering the institution's growth and impact.

The event also featured a three-day Debate Competition, engaging students from various Bengaluru colleges in discussions on contemporary issues such as "The Social Media Paradox: Shaping or Misshaping Young Minds?" and "Is the Conventional Education System Still Relevant in the Age of Technological Advancement and Disruptions?"

The competition concluded with teams from Mount Carmel College winning both first and second places, and Kristu Jayanti College securing third place.

The Founders' Day celebration was attended by the management, principal, staff, alumni, and students, reinforcing the Indian Academy Group of Institutions' commitment to quality education and holistic development, a legacy that has thrived for 25 years.

BOOK NOOK



Autocrats: Charisma, Power and Their Lives

by Rajiv Dogra

It fills the gap between real-life situations of how an authoritarian's cult takes hold, grows, and sustains itself. It describes grippingly their personality, psychological make-up, and private lives.

The Battle of Haji Pir

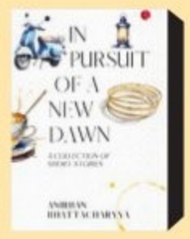
by Kulpreet Yadav

This narrative provides a poignant glimpse into the lives of the Indian soldiers who bravely captured the strategic Haji Pir Pass during the 1965 Indo-Pak war.

Fallen City: A Double Murder, Political Insanity, and Delhi's Descent from Grace

by Sudeep Chakravarti

The author remembers the horrific crime using eyewitness accounts, archival research, court records, and original interviews that shed fresh light on the tragedy.



In Pursuit of a New Dawn: A Collection of Short Stories

by Anirban Bhattacharyya

This book is a collection of eight compelling narratives where people are *In Pursuit of a New Dawn*. Anirban 'Andy' Bhattacharyya looks at life that exists between right and wrong and delves into the transformative power of the human will in driving social change.

BABY'S DAY OUT

A mother, along with her baby, spends time at the ongoing exhibition of paintings by renowned late artist Nandalal Bose at NGMA, Palace Road | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICKFIX

BESAN SHEERA

INGREDIENTS

- **Ghee :** 2 tbsp
- **Almonds (chopped) :** 1 tbsp
- **Dry ginger powder :** 1/2 tsp
- **Besan (gram flour) :** 2 tbsp
- **Jaggery powder :** 2 tsp
- **White pepper powder :** 1/2 tsp
- **Cardamom powder :** 1/2 tsp
- **Water :** 1 cup

METHOD

- Melt the ghee in a pan. Add the besan and fry on a slow flame until golden brown and stir continuously.
- Add the finely chopped almonds and white pepper powder. Mix well for about a minute.
- Pour in the water, boil on a high flame, and stir continuously.
- Add the jaggery powder and let it cook for 5 minutes.
- Finally, add the dry ginger and cardamom powder. Mix well and serve hot.

Contributed by **Sheeba La Fleur**, Thiruvananthapuram

ASK AN XPERT

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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My 6-year-old neutered and half-stray dog is attached to me. How do I make her less clingy?

I must admit, that attachment comes from the other side of pet keeping spectrum. Most pet parents want their pets to be with them all the time. Your pet seeks your company for warmth, company, love and attention. Although it's very tough to change this habit. But, there are a few options to begin with, use treats and toys to distract and engage her. Some pets can be kept busy with treats for a longer duration. The other option is to allow her to build a friendship, it can be by making her spend some time with another pet or you could adopt another pet. This will keep her physically and mentally occupied and not be overbearing with you.

FITBIT

ADHO MUKHA SVANASANA HEELS TO SIDE (DOWNWARD FACING DOG POSE HEELS TO SIDE)

This is a dynamic variation of the traditional pose, Adho Mukha Svanasana. Here, the heels are moved side-to-side while balancing the body in the inverted pose, Adho Mukha Svanasana. This beginner-level practice can serve as a warm-up and peak pose for advanced flows/poses or transitions that require ankle stability and mobility.

STEPS

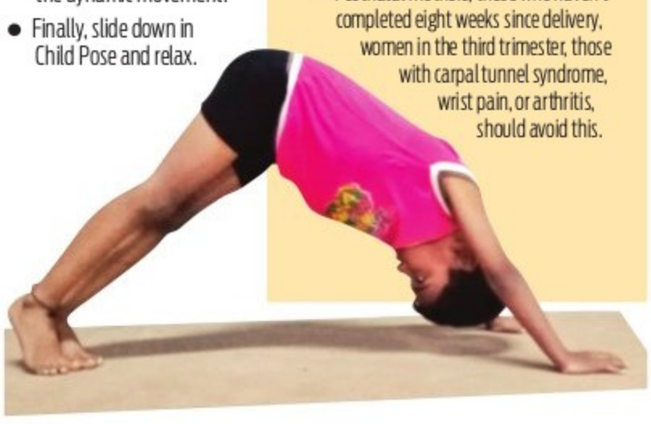
- Start in Table Top Pose. The knees are below the hips, with the legs hip-width apart, hands are under the shoulders.
- Spread your fingers wide and press firmly through your palms. Lift your hips up in Downward Facing Dog Pose. Inhale, lift your heels off the mat, and stretch the spine.
- Exhale, begin the heel movement. Pivot both heels to the right side, bringing them towards the right edge of the mat.
- Inhale, pivot your heels back to the centre and bring them toward the left edge of the mat. This is how a round of Adho Mukha Svanasana Heels To Side goes. Continue this dynamic movement 5-6 times, aligning side to side with your heels.
- Breathe steadily throughout. Avoid allowing your legs to move back, focus on the spine stretch. Be mindful of your wrists and keep your shoulders relaxed.
- Exhale, bring back your heels to the centre, lower them, returning to Adho Mukha Svanasana. Rest and feel the effects of the dynamic movement.
- Finally, slide down in Child Pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the lower leg muscles.
- Included in therapeutic yoga sequences and for runners or athletes.
- Helps heal symptoms related to nocturnal leg cramps or flat feet.
- Helps alleviate fibromyalgia and myofascial pain.
- Stimulates the Ajna Chakra, enhancing the connection to intuition and inner wisdom. Influences the Sahasrara Chakra and activates the Manipura Chakra, enhancing feelings of personal power and self-assurance.
- Adds a playful element to the traditional Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Helps engage the core consistently.
- Helps focus on the spine.
- Helps keep your shoulders and wrists relaxed.
- Improves flexibility and mobility in the whole body.

LIMITATIONS

- Students recovering from injuries to the joints, legs, hips, rib cage, hamstrings, arms, neck, shoulders, quadriceps, lower back, visceral organs complications, spine, or undergone any recent abdominal, hips, knees, or back surgery, should avoid this.
- Senior citizens with brittle bones, arthritis, or general body weakness, people suffering from HBP or a history of heart ailments, dizziness, epilepsy, vertigo, migraine, nausea, herniated disc, or severe sciatica, should avoid this. Seniors and pregnant women should take it slow.
- Postnatal mothers, those who haven't completed eight weeks since delivery, women in the third trimester, those with carpal tunnel syndrome, wrist pain, or arthritis, should avoid this.



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HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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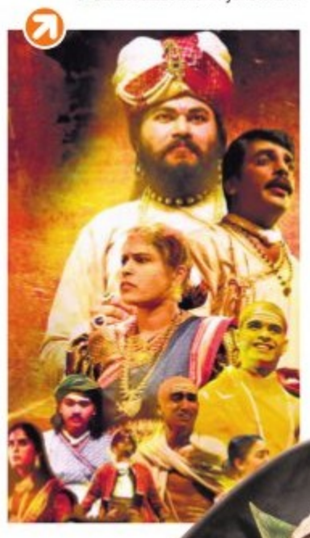
WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

On the Stage

Girish Karnad's play *Taledanda*, directed by Shiva Honniganahalli, sheds light on the socio-political conflicts prevalent in contemporary Indian society.

WHEN: Sept 3, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankra, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Dribble and Dunk

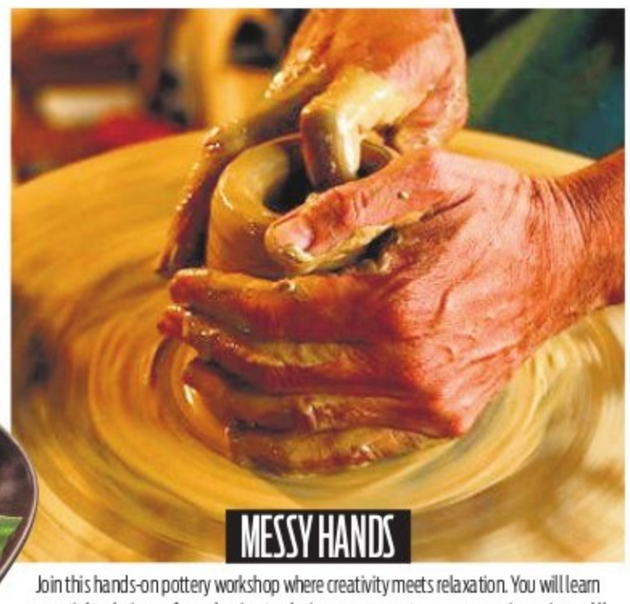
This month-long basketball training for adults is the perfect way to develop a healthy morning exercise routine, connect with like-minded individuals, and stay fit while learning a new sport.

WHEN: Sept 2, 6.45pm
WHERE: MN Krishna Rao Park BasketBall court, Jayanagar 7th Block
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Oriental Delight

Enjoy the live sushi bar with a 7-course Omakase experience. The menu features a citrusy Carpaccio with beetroot-cured salmon and sashimi-grade Hamachi, handcrafted Salmon Nigiri, and Nori Tacos. Priced at ₹1,895 ++.

WHEN: Sept 2, 6.45pm
WHERE: Nasi and Mee, Manyata Tech Park
CALL: 89718 02864



MESSY HANDS

Join this hands-on pottery workshop where creativity meets relaxation. You will learn essential techniques, from shaping to glazing, as you create your own unique pieces. All materials will be provided. **WHEN:** Sept 2, 10am **WHERE:** Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar **CALL:** 80507 33850

BOOK FEST

At Big Bangalore Book Fest, explore a vast selection of over 10,000 books, covering a multitude of genres, interests, and languages. You can also take part in engaging activities like author interactions, storytelling sessions, book launches, and book signings.

WHEN: Sept 2, 12pm
WHERE: Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laughter Unleashed

Whether you're a comedy enthusiast or just looking for a great night out, this show promises to deliver laughs for everyone. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, grab some drinks, and let your hair down as you experience the art of standup comedy.

WHEN: Sept 2, 8.30pm
WHERE: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala
CALL: 95387 06203

ART CORNER

IN ABSTRACT RHYTHM

Tejinder Kanda's vibrant abstract work is a passionate display of life in colour and evokes a deep emotional response from the viewer.

EASY-PEASY

No-cook meals are becoming a popular trend across the world. *CE* shares a few recipes that make meal planning easier

MAHIMA ANNA JACOB

IMAGINE coming home after a long day, feeling too tired to cook, but craving a tasty meal. This is when no-cook recipes come to the rescue. With simple ingredients and minimal preparation, no-cook meals are a lifesaver for many people, especially when turning on the stove or oven seems like a daunting task.

On such days, maybe you can toss together a salad with crisp veggies and zesty dressing, a hearty wrap, a satisfying sandwich with flavourful fillings or even a delightful smoothie. Offering quick and easy solutions isn't the only perks of no-cook meals, they also save time and reduce cleanup, making it ideal for those who want to avoid spending too much time in the kitchen. They let you enjoy the ease of quick preparation while still savouring a wholesome and enjoyable meal.

Paneer cold sandwich

Recipe by Nisha Kiran

INGREDIENTS

- Grated *paneer*: 150 g
- Shredded cabbage: 1/2 cup
- Grated carrots: 1/4 cup
- Bell pepper, chopped: 1/2 cup
- Tomato, chopped: 1/4 cup
- Onions, chopped: 3 tbsp
- Yoghurt: 4 tbsp
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Any wheat bread of your choice: 6 thin slices

METHOD

In a bowl, except bread, add the rest of the ingredients and give a good mix. Take thin sliced multigrain bread and spread 2 to 3 tablespoons of prepared sandwich mix, then top it with another slice of bread. Then repeat the same process with another bread slice and press gently with your hand. Cut and serve the cold sandwich immediately.

Rasmalai cheesecake

INGREDIENTS

- Whipping cream: 150 g
- Cream cheese: 275 g
- Icing sugar: 40 g
- Arrowroot biscuit (crushed): 100 g
- Butter: 30 g
- Rasmalai: 10-12 (According to preference)

For the base

Powder the arrowroot biscuits and add melted butter. Give it a good mix. Spread this biscuit base into a glass jar (approximately one tablespoon if in a glass jar) or the serving dish of your choice and keep it in the fridge for 15 minutes.

Cream cheese filling

Whip the cream until soft peaks are formed. In another bowl, beat the cream cheese well and add icing sugar. Fold in the cream cheese mixture and whipped cream together and add rasmalai milk along with chopped rasmalai.

METHOD: Layer the cheesecake mixture over the biscuit base, top it with rasmalai and add roasted nuts like cashews or pista. Keep it in the fridge for a couple of hours and serve them chilled.

Tuna stuffed avocado

INGREDIENTS

- Chopped canned tuna: 100 g
- Avocado: 1
- Salt to taste
- Crushed black pepper: 3 g
- Chopped coriander: 2 pinch
- Olive oil: 15 ml
- Lemon juice: 5 ml
- Seedless chopped tomatoes: 5 g
- Chopped onions: 10 g
- Sunflower seeds: 5 g

METHOD: Except avocado, mix all the ingredients together. Cut the avocado into two and remove the seed, then stuff it with the prepared mixture.

Mushroom pesto zoodles

Recipe by Chef Arun Vijayan

INGREDIENTS

- Zucchini: 300 g
- Pesto sauce: 100 g
- Salt to taste
- Crushed black pepper: 5 g
- Olive oil: 20 ml
- Sliced button mushrooms: 30 g

FOR PESTO SAUCE

- Basil leaves: 100 g
- Walnuts: 25 g
- Garlic (peeled): 10 g
- Parmesan cheese: 15 g
- Olive oil: 20 ml
- Salt and pepper to taste

Blend all the ingredients together

METHOD

Shred the zucchini in long and thin. Mix it with sauce and all the ingredients. Enjoy a healthy and tasty meal.

Cucumber avocado sandwich

INGREDIENTS

- Avocado: 1
- Cucumber: 1
- Green chutney: 1 tbsp
- Cheese slice: 2
- Black pepper : 1/2tsp
- Bread slice: 4

METHOD

Slice the avocado into small pieces and keep it aside. Spread the cheese on one slice and green chutney on the other. Arrange a layer of avocado slices and cucumber over it. Sprinkle some black pepper. Cover it. Cut into triangles and serve.

SPORTING A VISION ON CANVAS

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(The writer is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

SPORTS is an integral part of our lives, whether you are genetically predisposed to athletic activities or not. In one's growing up years, it always served as a break from the monotony of geographical map drawings and mathematical calculations. For those who needed more than a mere break, it provided reasons to stay away from regular classes for longer hours, with the simple act of signing up for any drill exercise. Although most of us have not been able to even be remotely involved in any sporting activity since adulthood brought on the avalanche of responsibilities, we still continue to remain passively connected with the world of sports, cheering our cricket teams, and counting our medals tally at the Olympics. To celebrate the need for sports in all our lives, August 29 was chosen as it is the birth anniversary of Dhyan Chand, the greatest hockey legend India has produced.

Art, too, has a genre that honours the field of sports. Termed Sporting Art, it is generally considered to encompass all types of sports. Starting in the 18th and early 19th centuries, it began as a visual documentation of the rural sports of the time, especially in Europe and America. Fox hunting, fishing, and horse racing were all captured vividly on canvas. Initially, it was looked upon as 'animal pictures' predominantly. They were usually commissioned by those who participated in these sports and desired to flaunt their sporting success on the walls of their country homes. Gradually, in the later part of the 19th century, this world that was being immortalised through art started to transform. The Industrial Revolution completely changed the working environments of people. The population steadily started moving into cities, leaving behind their farms and rural lives. It did not make sense anymore for the traditional sporting artists back then to paint rural lifestyles that were fast disappearing.

Not one to admit defeat, Sporting Art soon readapted to the times and diversified into other subject matters. A multitude of sporting activities, both professional and amateur, like archery, football or cycling were represented by these sports artists, which clearly showed a wider participation by a varied public, unlike rural recreational activities which were often classified as catering only to the privileged and never to the masses. With Sporting Art taking on new gaming subjects, many novel entries in the field of sports, like football and rugby were documented. In contemporary times, Sporting Art still thrives and continues to evolve. There have been several acclaimed sports artists in recent art history. LeRoy Neiman who passed away recently, was one of the most famous sports artists who was known for his brightly-hued paintings of sporting events and athletes.

The advent of the camera in the sports arena may have taken the sheen away from Sporting Art, but artists who persevere in this genre have redefined it, to suit modern-day conditions. Thanks to more expansive definitions, Sporting Art will always continue to document social histories through art. May art and sports emerge as winners forever!

(The writer's views are personal)

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVISH NAVEDIA (OLD NAME),** aged about 32 years, S/o Suresh Navedia, residing at No 301, Yuga Apartments, H. B. Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004, have changed my Name to **KAAVISH NAVEDIA (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 24/Aug/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) A.J.MEHARUNNISA** residing at No. 78, 1st Main, 16th Cross, Bapujinagar, Bangalore-560026, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME)A.J.MEHARUNNISA** to **(NEW NAME) A.J. MEHRUNNISA** vide affidavit dated 29-08-2024 sworn before notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Ramyashree,** D/o Suresha, Presently residing at Halahalli Village, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagar, Karnataka-571109, hereby declare that my father's name in Aadhar, PAN : **H S SURESHA,** most of the other public Documents : **H S SURESHA,** In my passport : **SURESH,** In all my public documents (PAN / Aadhar / Marks Card) : **SURESHA,** that the above mentioned names refers to my father only none other else, vide affidavit dated 25.08.2024, sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Hoskote.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAINA BAINDUR** D/o. Bangari Balayya Baindur Aged about 46 years, residing at No. 3047, 3rd Floor, Roshan Gardenia, Poornaprajnya Layout, 36th Main, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560061, have changed my daughter's name from **SHUBALAXMI VINAYAK** to **SHUBA BAINDUR,** vide affidavit dated 30/8/2024 sworn to before N.Nagappa advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMUDA KUPPUSWAMY,** W/o Somasekaran, R/at 310 SKMR Enclave, LG Lake Dew Bileshivale, Off Hennur Road, Bengaluru-560 077do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AMUDA SOMASEKARAN** to **AMUDA KUPPUSWAMY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AMUDA KUPPUSWAMY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED RIYAZULLA,** S/o Mohammed Sanaulla, age 64 years, R/at NO. 30, MDS Gohar Manzil, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, BTM Layout, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560020 do hereby declare that my correct name is **MOHAMMED RIYAZULLA,** but in my passport by oversight it is mentioned as **MOHAMED RIYAZULA** instead of **MOHAMMED RIYAZULLA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED RIYAZULLA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23.08.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. JAYANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMIT SATYANARAYAN BHAGAT,** R/at Flat No. F-804, Alpine Pyramid Apartment, Canara Bank Layout, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUMIT BHAGAT** to **SUMIT SATYANARAYAN BHAGAT,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUMIT SATYANARAYAN BHAGAT** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR .N KAGAWAD** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt Neelamma mother of No. 15679997H late Sigmn Amaresha S N presently residing at Vill- Bedli, Post Madderi, Tehsil & Dist - Kolar, Karnataka
have changed my name from **NEELAMMA to NILAMMA**
vide Affidavit dated 29/08/2024 before Gangaraju B N Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KANCHAN BHAGCHAND (OLD NAME),** aged about 56 years, W/o Bhagchand Ghewar Chandje, Residing At No 5, Badolla Manor, 4th Floor, A.P.Sabha Road, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru 560004, have changed my Name to **KANCHAN DEVI (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 05/Aug/2024, Sworn Before Notary S.I. Balaguru, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) AFIFA TAZEEN AHMED** D/o Saleem Ahmed, residing at No. 632/1, 5th Cross 'D' Block Govindpura Main Road Rashad nagar Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) AFIFA TAZEEN AHMED** to **(NEW NAME) AFEEFA TAZYEEN** vide Affidavit dated 31.08.2024 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHOBHA MOHAN,** aged about 46 years, W/o. Mohan Prasad, No. 723/2, 6th A Main, Near Srinagar Play Ground, Srinagar BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHOBHA KRISHNA UDUPA KENCHANURU** to **SHOBHA MOHAN,** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IBRAHIM KHAN ALIYAS SUHAIL KHAN,** S/o. NAWAB ABBAS KHAN resident of No. 3, East Street, C/o. Ali Raza Store, Neelasandra, Annayappa Garden, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore South Bangalore- 560047, have changed my name from **IBRAHIM KHAN ALIYAS SUHAIL KHAN QURAESHI** to **IBRAHIM KHAN ALIYAS SUHAIL KHAN,** vide affidavit dated 30/8/2024 sworn to before K.V.Mani advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. TAMANNA PARAKH,** D/o Sri Rajkumar Parakh, age 28 years, R/at No. 178/1, 4th Main, Domlur Layout, A K Colony, Bangalore-560 071 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TAMANNA R** to **TAMANNA PARAKH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TAMANNA PARAKH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31st August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. VENKATESHAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOVINDA NAIKA CHANDE NAIKA** (Old Name), S/o CHANDE NAIK, Aged about 54 years, Resident at AIVARLAHALLI, KANEVENAHALLI POST, PAVAGADA, TUMKUR, KARNATAKA-561202, PRESENTLY CAMPED AT BENGALURU CITY, declare that I have changed my name from **GOVINDA NAIKA CHANDE NAIKA** (Old Name) to **GOVINDA NAIK** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **GOVINDA NAIK** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 31/08/2024 before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA,** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MADHAN KUMAR,** S/o Mr. P.T. Dhanakodi, age 42 years, R/at No.701, Near BSK Bus Stop, Kanakapura Main Road, Jayangar 8th Block, Bangalore-560 070 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **K. KAUSHIK KUMAR** to **HANISH .M,** henceforth he shall be known and called as HANISH .M forall purposes, vide affidavit dated:12-06-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. VIJAYA KUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAIK MOHAMMED SAIFULLA, resident of #667, 5th A Main Road, A Sector Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064
have changed my name to
SHAIKH MOHAMMED SAIFULLAH
vide affidavit dated 28-08-2024
sworn before advocate and notary
M. Rajendra, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATIKSHA (OLD NAME),** aged about 26 years, W/o Aditya Surana, residing at No 7/6, 1st Cross, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru 560005, have changed my Name to **PRATIKSHA ADITYA SURANA (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 27/Aug/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAGHUVEER SINGH JAITMAL,** No. JC-414771N, Aged about 44 years, father of **DAKSH JAITMAL,** Aged about 10 years, presently residing at Khari Khuri Village & Post, Sujangarh, Churu District, Rajasthan State - 331 506, today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that **DAKSH JAITMAL** is my son and he was born on **25.02.2014** and he is under my care and custody. I declare that in my service records my son name has been mentioned as **DAXIT SINGH JAITMAL** instead of **DAKSH JAITMAL** which is his correct name and my son's correct name **DAKSH JAITMAL** as per his Aadhar Card. Vide affidavit dated 31.08.2024 sworn to before Smt. Vatsala, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SIYA R MULTANI,** W/o. RAKESH J MULTANI, aged 34 years, residing at No.103, 5th Cross, No. 384/23, BTS Main Road, Krishna Apartments, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KYRAH SURAJ TALREJA** to **SIYA R MULTANI,** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2024, sworn to before M.K. Bopaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **R. CHETHAN GOWDA,** S/o Ramakrishna, age 28 yers, R/at No. 17/33, 9th Cross, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **R. CHETHAN GOWDA** and **CHETHAN GOWDA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **R. CHETHAN GOWDA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.R. SHASHIKALA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SANKALP DHIR,** S/o Birabara Dhir, age 40 years, R/at G12-702, Provident Welworth City, Marasandra, Bangalore-562 163 do hereby declare that my correct name is **SANKALP DHIR,** but in my education records and Passport, by oversight my name is mentioned as **SUBHA SANKALPA DHIR** which is incorrect, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANKALP DHIR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30.08.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **BHAGYA KUMARI .M** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mr. T.G.SURESH,** and **Mrs. INDRA SURESH,** Residing at NO.131/1, 24TH MAIN, PIPELINE ROAD, J.C.NAGAR, KURUBARAHALLI, CAUVERY NAGAR, LAST BUS STOP, BENGALURU-560086, KARNATAKA, declare that we have changed the name of our Minor Son from **SUHAS PREETHAM.T.S.** (Old Name) to **GOKUL GOWDA.T.S.** (New Name), henceforth our Son shall be known and called as **GOKUL GOWDA.T.S.** (New Name) for all his personal, educational, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 31/08/2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

DECLARATION
I, VISHRAVARS RAMASUBRAMANIAN, aged about 40 years S/o Ramasubramanian, R/at No.62302, Nikoo Homes, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560064. I further declare that all the names **VISHRAVARS RAMASUBRAMANIAN, VISHRAVARS. R, RADHAKRISHNAN. R** and **R. VISHRAVARS** belongs to one and the same person i.e. myself only. Correct Name is **VISHRAVARS RAMASUBRAMANIAN** for all purposes. Vide affidavit dated 3-08-2024 sworn before notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

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Sudeep
to adopt a flexible work style, to handle two or three films simultaneously

SUDEEP expressed his eagerness to maintain a consistent presence in the film industry, noting that people often think he's idle between projects. "Whenever I meet someone, they ask how I'm doing, thinking I'm just playing cricket in my free time," he jokes. "But for me, as an artist, it's crucial to stay visible and keep my work in front of the audience. I want to see my films released more frequently."

Reflecting on his past approach, Sudeep acknowledges that his dedication to focusing on one film at a time, though effective for quality, led to periods of inactivity during delays. "I've always focused on one project at a time, but the downside is that delays leave me with days of doing nothing, just waiting," he explains. "It's not just frustrating—it's unproductive. I realised I need to change my approach to keep things moving."

To address this, Sudeep is adopting a more flexible work style, planning to work on two or even three films simultaneously. "Moving forward, I'm planning to handle multiple projects at once," he reveals. "This is a new challenge, but it's necessary. Collaborating with major production houses will help me manage my schedule better, ensuring there's always something in progress."

Sudeep and Anup Bhandari

THE MAKERS OF *HANU-MAN* TO PRODUCE SUDEEP'S *BILLA RANGA BAASHAA*

While a hint was dropped at a recent media interaction, an official announcement of Anup Bhandari's directorial will be made today

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Anup Bhandari is collaborating with Sudeep on the ambitious project *Billa Ranga Baashaa*, which is currently in development. Recently, the *Vikrant Rona* director created excitement with a social media post featuring Sudeep and Anup himself, both dressed in stylish black outfits. The post hinted at a major announcement about the highly anticipated film, which is scheduled to be revealed today, coinciding with actor Kiccha Sudeep's birthday.

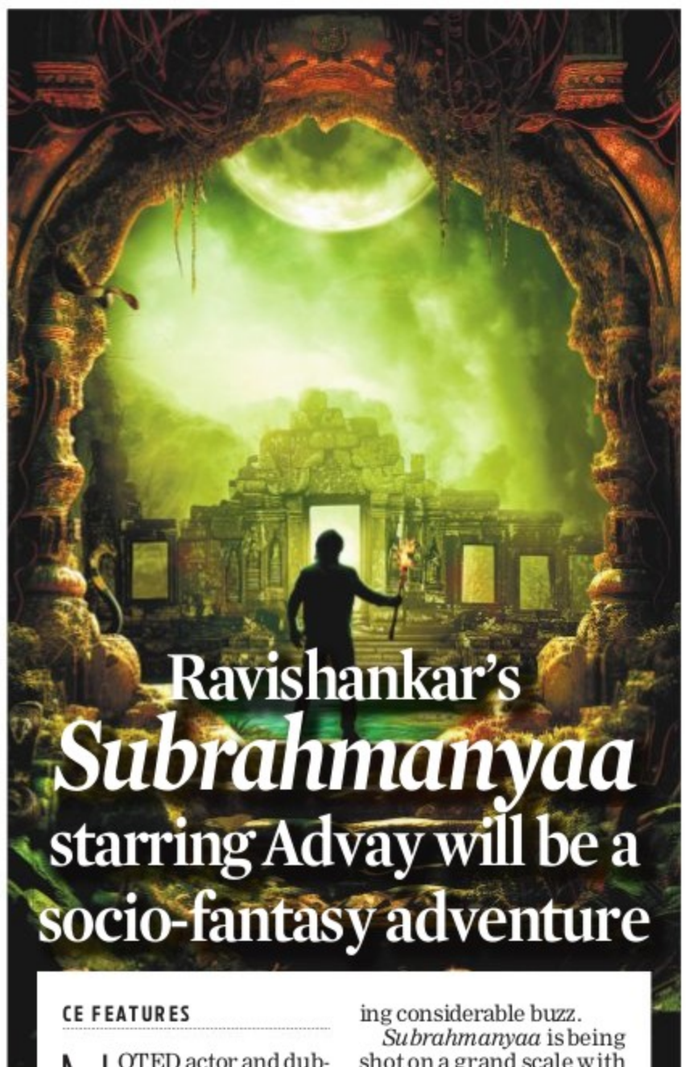
While the post has left fans speculating about the official launch of *Billa Ranga Baashaa*, the filmmakers have a surprising twist in store. Sudeep's interactions with the media have revealed that the makers of the Telugu hit film, *Hanu-Man*, will be collaborating with *Billa Ranga Baashaa*, producing it alongside K Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the Primeshow Entertainment banner. This marks the production house's debut in Kannada cinema and will be a multi-language project.

The official details about the collaboration and the film's production are set to be announced today. In the meantime, Sudeep is preparing for the release of *Max*, and production on Billa Ranga Baashaa is progressing steadily. The set construction alone is expected to take three months, with filming scheduled to begin later this year.

Billa Ranga Baashaa, projected to be one of Sudeep's biggest budget films, is a futuristic action-adventure set in the year 2209. Written by Anup Bhandari, the film will incorporate elements of science fiction. Apart from these interesting projects, Sudeep is also working on his own directorial venture, which will be produced by KRG Studios.

MAX'S FIRST SINGLE TO HAVE LYRICS BY ANUP BHANDARI

While the highly-anticipated action thriller *Max* does not yet have a confirmed release date, the filmmakers are keeping fans engaged with the release of the lyrical video for the film's first single. The video will premiere on Saregama Kannada today, on Sudeep's birthday. The song, composed by Ajaneesh Loknath and with lyrics penned by Anup Bhandari, features vocals by Chetan Gandharva and rapper MC Bijju. Anup Bhandari has shared the lyrics on his social media, encouraging fans to learn them and sing along when the song is officially released. Directed by Karthikeya and produced by Kalaipuli S Thanu's V Creations and Sudeep Kichcha Creations, Max also stars Tamil actor Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Ravi Shankar P, Samyuktha Hornad, and Sukrutha Wagle. The film will feature cinematography by Shekar Chandra.



Ravishankar's *Subrahmanyaa* starring Advay will be a socio-fantasy adventure

CE FEATURES

NOTED actor and dubbing artist P Ravishankar is back in the spotlight with his directorial venture, *Subrahmanyaa*, which stars his son Advay. Produced by Thirumal Reddy and Anil Kadiyala under SG Movie Creations, following their earlier success with Guna 369, this film delves into the socio-fantasy adventure genre. The film is presented by Smt Praveena Kadiyala and Smt Ramalakshmi.

The excitement around the film was recently fueled by the release of its prelook poster. This poster gives a peek into the world of *Subrahmanyaa*, featuring Advay as the protagonist holding a flambeau and looking into a mysterious realm. The lush, detailed settings and artwork hint at the film's elaborate production design, creating considerable buzz.

Subrahmanyaa is being shot on a grand scale with a high budget, promising an adventurous thrill with impressive visuals. Directed to provide an engaging experience, the film is expected to transcend regional and language barriers.

Currently, sixty per cent of the film's production is complete, with post-production work underway. VFX and CGI are being handled at top studios across Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai.

On the technical front, *Subrahmanyaa* features music by Ravi Basrur, known for his work on *KGF* and *Salaar*, cinematography by Vignesh Raj, editing by Vijay M Kumar, and production design by Ullas Hydur.

The film is set for a pan-India release in Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi.

Anand Audio bags audio rights of Ramesh Aravind-Ganesh's film for a record price

CE FEATURES

The film, directed by Vikhyath AR, will officially commence with the muhurath and first-look teaser on September 6

FILMMAKER Vikhyath AR, known for producing *Pushpaka Vimana* and *Monsoon Raaga*, is fulfilling his decade-long dream of making his directorial debut featuring actors Ramesh Aravind and Ganesh. The untitled film has already sparked interest with its first poster, showcasing Ramesh Aravind and Ganesh among soldiers in a foreign land. Set against a circus backdrop, the makers promise an emotional journey with grand storytelling. Produced by Satya Rayala, the film is set to release in multiple languages, with the muhurath and first look teaser scheduled for September 6, coinciding with the Gowri-Ganesha festival.

With the film generating a huge buzz since its announcement, the audio rights for the film have been sold to Anand Audio for a record price even before the film has begun production.

This also comes on the heels of the success of Ganesh's *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi* music album, particularly the hit song 'Dwapara'. While Ramesh Aravind has previously worked with Vikhyath in Pushpaka Vimana and appeared in Ganesh's Sundaranga Jaana, this marks their first collaboration as co-stars under Vikhyath's direction.

Ganesh, currently enjoying the success of Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi, will join Ramesh Aravind to start shooting for the film, this month. The film's music will be composed by Anoop Seelin, with Naveen Kumar handling the cinematography. The rest of the cast, including the female lead, is yet to be finalised.

A TALE OF GRIT AND DETERMINATION FOR YOUNG MINDS

TAEKWONDO GIRL
Director: Ravindra Vemshi
Cast: Rutusparsha, Sumitha Pravin, Pravin Bhanu, Sahanashree, and Rekha Kudligi

A SHARADHAA

AS the title suggests, *Taekwondo Girl* is a sports drama that traces the journey of Ruthu, a young girl from an impoverished background who discovers strength and self-worth through Taekwondo. Directed by Ravindra Vemshi, the film is a poignant exploration of the transformative power of sports, as it seamlessly blends inspiring athleticism with heartfelt storytelling.

Ruthu (Ruthu Sparsha) and her family leave their rural village, where access to government schools is limited, and move to the city. Despite facing many difficulties, Ruthu's mother, with the help of compassionate individuals, is able to enroll Ruthu in a renowned private school under the RTE Act. This opportunity for education offers a glimmer of hope in their otherwise grim reality.

Unfortunately, Ruthu's new life in the city is filled with challenges. At school, she is ostracised and treated with disdain by both the administration and her classmates, who see her as nothing more than a beneficiary of the RTE Act and an outsider. To make matters worse, Ruthu faces daily harassment from other children on her way to and from school and emotional abuse from her alcoholic father at home. Her mother, burdened by their difficult situation, finds it hard to provide support.

Amidst these trials, Ruthu discovers a nearby Taekwondo training session, a turning point in her life. Though financial constraints prevent her from enrolling officially, Ruthu's determination shines through. She teaches herself Taekwondo by observing the practitioners, embodying the discipline and strength of the martial art. This self-taught journey showcases her resilience and unwavering resolve to overcome her adversities.

The central theme of the film is Ruthu's quest to master Taekwondo without a formal mentor. Will her dream of becoming a Taekwondo champion materialise, or will it remain an unattainable aspiration? Director Ravindra Vemshi's approach distinguishes *Taekwondo Girl* from the typical commercial fare. Aimed primarily at children, the director eschews the usual glitz and complexity of mainstream cinema, opting instead for a restrained, almost documentary-like style. This approach prioritises simplicity and authenticity over flashy elements.

Rutusparsha delivers a remarkable performance in her debut role as Ruthu. Her portrayal of the titular character, including her fight scenes and dance sequences, is both impressive and showcases her dedication. However, the supporting cast, which includes Sumitha Pravin, Pravin Bhanu, Sahanashree, and Rekha Kudligi, does not quite match her intensity, leaving much of the narrative's emotional weight on her shoulders.

To fully grasp the blend of resilience and determination that defines *Taekwondo Girl*, watching the film is essential. A tale of grit and determination for young minds, the film not only showcases the life-changing potential of sports but also pays tribute to the spirit of a young girl who dares to dream beyond her circumstances.